

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month



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Bill R. Adams

United States Army

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Bill Adams was born in Missouri. He graduated from high school in 1941. In February, 1943, He was drafted into the United States Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Bill was sent to the 324th Infantry Regiment 44th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, for three months basic training. He then went to Brookings, South Dakota, where he studied engineering for one year at South Dakota State College. Transferring to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was trained to operate heavy machine guns. After six months, he was sent to Camp San Luis Obispo, California, for amphibious water training. Bill then went to Fort Benning, Georgia for three months of infantry training. At Camp Gordon, Georgia, he took advanced infantry training. After completing the training, he was sent overseas for 18 months. He spent time in France, Germany, and Belgium with the 397th Infantry Regiment 100th Infantry Division. Bill's additional duty stations were at Fort Meade, Maryland, and Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. In April 1946, Bill was discharged after three years in the service.

Army experiences that stand out in his memory are: The Reconnaissance Patrol on March 6, 1945; the Spring Offensive, March 15, 1945; Setting up Observation Post, March 20, 1945.

Bill's medals and Awards include: Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart Medal; Combat Infantryman Badge; American Theatre Medal; Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal-Germany; Good Conduct Medal; Europe-Africa-Middle Eastern Medal w/2 Campaign Stars; Army Reserve Medal; National Guard Long Service Medal

(3rd Award); Cold War Certificate of Recognition; Liberation of France Certificate; Republic of France Diploma 1944-1945; and State of Missouri Medal for Patriotic Services.

After serving in the United States Army, Bill continued his military service by serving in the Missouri National Guard for 21 years and in the United States Army Reserve for 15 years, retiring as a Captain.

After his discharge from the Army, Bill returned to his hometown area where he married Pat. He worked in a clothing store and then became an Assistant Postmaster. Moving to a larger community, he became a United State Postal Service Postmaster. He was awarded the first "Postmaster of the Year" award. After his retirement from the postal service, he worked for a time at St. Francis Hospital hospice unit.

Bill and Pat have two children, five grandchildren, one great grandson, and one step great grandson.

Bill has always been active and involved in his community. He has been a member of the American Legion Post for 72 years, member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 70 years, member of the Rotary Club, and at the age of 93, he is an active member of not only the men's forum in his local town but also a couple of "coffee hour" groups with many friends. In November 2011, he flew with a group of veterans on the Honor Flight to Washington DC.

Nodaway Daughters are very proud and honored to recognize Bill R. Adams as Patriot of the Month for his very dedicated service and patriotism to our great nation.