

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

March 2020



## Oscar Rode

United States Army

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Oscar Rode enlisted in the United States Army in 1944 at Jefferson Barracks, MO. He was assigned to an infantry unit as a cook. Additional duty stations included Manila, Philippines during the Pacific Theater where he processed displaced civilians and military personnel from all branches of service to other locations.

One memorable experience was actually on his way back to the United States aboard a Merchant Marine Ship not designed to carry troops. The ship encountered a hurricane and Oscar thought he had survived the war only to die going home. For days the ocean was so rough the ship would go down in the swell of the waves and water would splash over the decks.

In civilian life, Oscar worked for McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis for 30 years and enjoyed working on the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space crafts.

Valley of the Meramec Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Oscar Rode as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great nation.

