



**Missouri State Society
Daughters of the American
Revolution**

**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH
Guy R. Simpson**

Guy Simpson grew up on the family farm, a livestock and grain farming enterprise. He graduated from South Shelby High School and attended MACC in Moberly. He was always interested in family history and became aware that he came from a long line of American patriots, from the Connecticut Yankee Revolutionary who served with Washington at Trenton and Princeton to the maternal and paternal grandfathers who both served in WWII.

The most influential person in his life was his maternal grandfather, a Purple Heart veteran who served with the 10th Mountain Division in the Italian Campaign in WWII. Visits to this grandfather included trips to historical places of interest, fishing in Canada, and quail hunting.

Guy enlisted in the US Marine Corps in December 2000, and was assigned to the 2nd Tank Battalion.

The many weeks of waiting in the staging area of Kuwait came to an end and the ground assault of Operation Iraqi Freedom began when Gen. Tommy Franks selected the 2nd Tank Battalion to be the tip of the spear for the eastern flank. This unprecedented race across the desert through sandstorms and fierce combat culminated in the much publicized tearing down of the statue of Saddam Hussein on April 9, 2003.



In the days following, American troops tried to secure the city and the Oil Ministry without adequate force or authority to curtail looters. Sadly, Guy's military career ended with an accident, which left him with a crushed knee.

A black Labrador retriever, now his constant companion, is credited with bringing Guy back from the torment of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome after his return from Iraq. Diagnosis was slow in coming, but counseling at HST Veterans Hospital, therapy and medical care have made a tremendous difference. This, together with a nurturing family, has enabled Guy to recently seek and maintain employment two years after his medical discharge from the Marine Corps.

Among Guy's honors/citations are:

- ◇ Combat Action Ribbon
- ◇ Presidential Unit Citation
- ◇ Meritorious Unit Citation

Gwendolyn Smith, Regent of the Clarence Chapter proudly nominates Guy for Patriot of the Month. His grandmother, Ardith Simpson is a member of the Clarence Chapter



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