



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

**John E. Hankins--Patriot of the Month, August 1, 2006**



John E. Hankins joined the US Air Force in 1942 and was assigned to Air Craft Maintenance in Strategic Air Command (SAC). His stateside assignments were at bases in Missouri, Louisiana, Kansas, and Florida. Overseas assignments included bases in the Philippines, England, and Germany. It was while in Germany that John was taken prisoner. From February 1944 to May 1945, John was a POW in a German Stalag. After release, he continued to serve our country until his retirement from the Air Force in 1967.

John received the following honors/citations:

- Distinguished Flying Cross
- US Air Force Air Medal
- Commendation Medal
- Prisoner of War Medal

After retirement, John worked at Sears in Parts Sales & Service. He is a member of the American Legion, Air Force Sergeants Association, and American Ex-Prisoners of War Organization. He serves on the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County Nutrition Center as

well as Countryside Estates, Senior Housing. He is a member of the Baptist Church. His hobbies include woodworking.

He and his wife, Mildred, have been married for eleven years.

The Missouri Shoal Chapter proudly nominated John for Patriot of the Month.