



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

**March 2007 Patriot of the Month
Fred E. Davis**



Fred Davis volunteered for military service in the Army Air Corps immediately after graduating from high school in 1943. Four of his brothers were already serving in the military, another was at Pearl Harbor in civilian construction work, and a sixth brother was with the FBI. Fred celebrated his 19th birthday overseas.

Trained as a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator, Fred and his crew flew 26 combat missions over Europe. By the time he was discharged in September of 1945, Fred had earned the following honors/citations:

- Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters
- American Defense Service Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- Europe-Africa-Middle East Medal with four Battle Stars
- WWII Victory Medal
- Good Conduct Medal

When Fred returned home, he enrolled in college with the goal of becoming a teacher. After completing graduate school, he served with the Missouri Department of Education as Assistant Director of Teacher Education and Certification and as Director of Community College Education. He left the department to become the founding President of State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Missouri. When he retired in 1984, Fred continued to serve as interim President of four other Missouri community colleges while each searched for a president. Fred is the recipient of the Missouri Community College Association's Mel Carnahan Hall of Fame Award

Fred met his wife, Margie, while a student at Northwest Missouri State University. They have a son and a daughter and three grandchildren.

Fred was proudly nominated for Patriot of the Month by the Udolpha Miller Dorman Chapter, Ruth Ann Simison, Regent. Fred's wife, Margie, is a member of this chapter and has served as the immediate past Recording Secretary and is the current Corresponding Secretary.