



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Roy Houseman--Patriot of the Month, April 1, 2007



World War II was a family affair for the Houseman family. The nationally publicized enlistment of the first set of triplets in WWII included Roy Houseman and his two brothers of Anderson, Missouri. Roy's sister was an Army nurse.

The three boys joined the Army and received a Presidential Order so they could serve together in the same unit. They first trained in a tank unit with the 3rd Ranger Battalion, but later served in the elite "Darby's Rangers" unit. In 1943, they participated in the invasion of Sicily and the Italian mainland at Salerno. Later they were with the landings at Anzio, Italy, where Allied troops were placed behind the German front.

Roy was wounded, one brother was a prisoner of war, and the other brother finished the war with occupation forces in Norway. In 2004, Roy was presented his Bronze Star. His brothers' Bronze Stars were presented posthumously, making the triplets Brothers in Bronze. Roy also received the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, WWII medal, and Korean medal.

After serving his country, Roy worked at Kenworth Motors in Seattle, Washington, and General Motors in Kansas City, Missouri. He operated his own concrete plant in Kansas City, then retired to Anderson, Missouri.

Roy and his wife, Dorothy, have two children, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Dorothy served as a Navy WAVE during WWII.

The Neosho Chapter proudly nominated Roy Houseman for Patriot of the Month.