



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



**Patriots of the Month, October 2007
Joan Schweitzer Ostrander and Ivan Ostrander**

Ivan Ostrander attended high school in Schoharie, New York. He joined the Army Air Corps in April 1941. After training, he served as a gunner on a B24 in the South Pacific.

Joan Schweitzer went to high school in Mitchell, South Dakota. She began her service with the Army Nurse Corps in October 1943. She and Ivan met at a USO dance in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, just before she entered the service.

Ivan achieved the rank of Sergeant before his service ended in November 1945. He received the following honors and citations:

- American Defense Medal
- American Theater Asiatic with 4 Bronze Stars
- Philippine Liberation Ribbon
- One O/S bar

- One service stripe
- Good Conduct Medal
- Victory Medal

Joan was a ward nurse at David Monthan Field Hospital and the 55th General Hospital in England. She was transferred to the 55th Field Hospital in Soissons, France. She achieved the rank of First Lieutenant before her service ended in February 1946. She received the following honors and citations:

- EAME Campaign Medal
- WWII Victory Medal
- Three Overseas Service Bars

Joan and Ivan were married in October 1947. They both received their college degrees from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, under the GI Bill of Rights. Ivan's major was in art. He worked as a commercial artist until 1957. He received his M.A. Degree from the University of South Dakota, and then taught art in the Sioux Falls public school system until his retirement in 1979.

Joan received her B.A. Degree from Augustana and worked occasionally at nursing until 1967. After receiving her M.A. Degree in English, she taught high school English at Brandon Valley High School in Brandon, SD, until she retired in 1980. The couple moved to Missouri in 1984.

Joan and Ivan have five children, four grandchildren, and one great grandson. Ivan enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, bowling, woodworking, gardening, and travel. He is a life member of the Elks, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans. Joan enjoys gardening, needlework, volunteer work, and is writing her memoirs. She is a life member of Disabled American Veterans. She is also a member of the Elizabeth Carey Chapter DAR, the Garden Club, and AAUW. They are both members of the Unitarian Church.

The Elizabeth Carey Chapter NSDAR is proud to nominate Ivan and Joan Ostrander for Patriots of the Month.