



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



**Patriot of the Month, March 2008
Henry "Hank" Weaver**

Hank Weaver enlisted in the US Army-Air Force in 1941 and served until August 1945. He received the following honors/citations:

- Pre-Pearl Harbor Medal
- American Defense Ribbon and Medal
- Good Conduct Medal
- European Theatre Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Victory Medal

Hank served again from March 1950 to April 1951 in Korea.

Hank is retired from TWA Overhaul Base, now American Airlines, in Kansas City. He and his wife of 62 years, Lavaughn, are the parents of five children and six grandchildren. They serve as Elders at Barry Christian Church. Hank served 17 years in Boy Scout Troop 288 at Barry Christian. He also served for seven years at the regional level in charge of training Scout leaders.

Hank has not forgotten what it is like to be separated from family and friends while serving in the military. It all began in April 2006, when seven young men from Barry Christian Church were serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hank requested personal items and cash from members of his church and sent over 70 boxes to the soldiers during their deployment

overseas. After these young men returned home, Hank connected with other service men and women and continues to solicit items and cash from church members. Since 2006, Hank has mailed 268 boxes to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hank and Lavaughn have converted their home's enclosed porch into a storage center for items until they can be mailed. It is not unusual for him to pick up items on sale when he is out shopping. He also maintains two "Troop" bulletin boards at the church so that members can enjoy correspondence from the soldiers.

Hank Weaver was nominated for Patriot of the Month by William Boydston Chapter NSDAR, not only for his service to our country, but for his dedication to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.