



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Patriot of the Month; June 2009
Roy Thurman Hannah



The Missouri State Society NSDAR is pleased to honor Roy Thurman Hannah of Moberly, Missouri, as a Patriot of the Month for June 2009.

Roy entered the Marine Corp on March 4, 1944. He received basic training at the Marine Recruit Depot in San Diego, California and was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California. He served in Honolulu, Hawaii, New Hebrides Island, and Guadalcanal, as well as on the Island of Peleliu.

Roy was in training to go to Iwo Jima, but on April 1, 1945, he landed on Okinawa, and was there for fifty-one weeks in training to hit the main island of Japan when the war ended. When leaving Okinawa, the ship broke down and was pulled into Tokyo Bay. When arriving in the United States the ship was quarantined for three or four days due to an epidemic aboard ship. They disembarked in San Diego, California and he was discharged May 8, 1946 in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Roy returned to school and graduated from Huntsville High School in 1948. The following year he married Margie with whom he had four children. Roy worked for Brown Shoe Company before becoming an agent telegrapher for the Wabash Railway Company. He was the chief clerk at the Moberly yard office prior to becoming disabled and retiring. Margie passed away in 1999 and Roy credits her for his successful life. Roy has two grandsons.

Roy is a lifetime member of the Masonic order and served as chairman of deacons at the First Baptist Church in Moberly. Roy obtained a private pilot license and served as general secretary and treasurer of the Telegraphers Union.

The members of Armstrong Chapter sponsored Roy as a Patriot of the Month and thank him for his service to our country.