

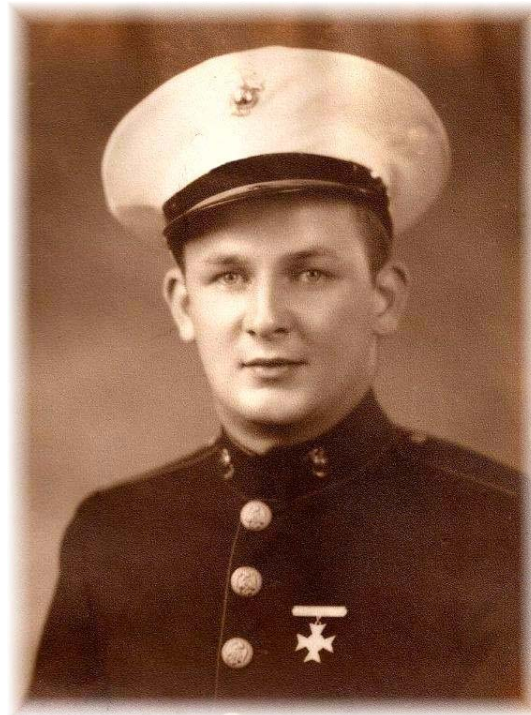
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Patriot of the Month



Charles Wilson
Carter

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Charles Wilson Carter graduated from Moberly High School in 1940 and Moberly Junior College in 1942. He attended Missouri University for one semester before enlisting into the United States Marines in 1942.

Charles attended boot camp at Paris Island, South Carolina before being sent to San Diego, California where he set sail on the *USS Hornet* to Hawaii. General Doolittle and the Raiders took off on their bombing mission to Japan on April 18, 1942 from the decks of the *USS Hornet*.

Charles was in Hawaii for a very short time before going on to Guam, New Caledonia, Luzon in the Philippines, and other South Pacific Islands. During this time, Charles was in combat against the Japanese troops. When the atomic bomb was dropped that ended the war with Japan in 1945, Charles was on a ship ten days out of San Francisco. He was discharged as a Gunnery Sergeant and returned home by train.

Charles received several medals during the war. He is unable to recall the exact medals and his records were destroyed in a fire at the Personnel Records Center.

After Charles returned home, he attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where he graduated in 1947 with a BS Degree in Commerce. After graduation, he attended the Wabash Railroad Executive Training Program in Chicago. He then moved to Kansas City where he worked as a livestock agent for the Wabash Railroad. During his career with the Wabash Railroad, he lived in various places. In 1963 he was going to be transferred to Roanoke, Virginia, but decided to return to his hometown instead. Upon returning to his hometown, he purchased Stevenson's Monument Company and ran that until 1980. His son now owns the business.

Charles married Mary Fleming on October 1, 1949. They had eight children, thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Charles has served as Mayor of his city as well as City Councilman for three terms. He is a member of the St Pius X Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion.