

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



**James Eugene
Lewis, Jr.**

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James Eugene Lewis, Jr. was born in 1917 in Mountain Grove, Missouri. He attended Mountain Grove High School and graduated in 1934. He then attended Missouri University Medical School and Harvard Medical School. In 1942, he was commissioned in the United States Army.

He served in the European Theatre Operation during 1942-1945. During his service, Dr. Lewis worked in Mobile Army Surgical Hospital Units. He developed the concept of an Intensive Care Unit tent. He cared for service members with immediate battle injuries and following inpatient care. After Germany surrendered, he was being readied to be sent to the Pacific. However, Japan was bombed and the war was over.

He was then assigned to the White House as President Truman’s doctor for a period of one year. He achieved the rank of Captain and was discharged in 1946. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

Dr. Lewis was Chief of Surgery, Professor, and Pediatric Surgeon at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri until 1987. Dr. Lewis has continually treated those who needed care and answered the call, no matter what or where, throughout his career.

James married Betty Brooks McKee in 1950. They have four children

and eight grandchildren. He is an active member of the Church of St. Michael and St. George, St. Paul's Guild and the Sons of the American Revolution. He stays involved in his community. He recently celebrated his ninety fifth birthday with his family members and friends.