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Edward Jameson Smith

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Edward Jameson Smith's family had a long history of military ancestry going back to the Mayflower. Edward always dreamed of becoming an aviator and serving his country. In 1941, at the age of 15, Edward joined the ROTC at Northeast High School in Kansas City, Missouri. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1943 with his parents' permission, as he was only 17. Edward was placed on Enlisted Reserve.

April, 1944, one month before high school graduation, Edward was called to active duty and sent to Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. June 6, 1944, D-Day, the day the US invaded Normandy, France, occurred about the time Edward was sent to Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, to become an aviation cadet with the Army Air Corp. His high school diploma was mailed to him.

April, 1945, Germany surrendered and the war began winding down. This was a glorious time, but also the end of Edward's military career and dream of becoming an aviator.

Edward was sent to Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Il, to assist with the return of the soldiers. Out of 110 men in his barracks he was the last to be discharged.

After his short military career, he rejoined the ROTC at Kansas University, still wanting to continue his military service. Edward's only regret is that he was unable to finish what he started, to serve his country in Europe. Important to note is that during a time of extreme need, Edward was there, ready and willing to support and defend his country. He was honorably discharged Nov, 1945.

Edward became a licensed electrical engineer and married Marjorie Dyer. They have 3 children: Gloria, Louise, and Larry. A member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, he has served as a volunteer and board member. Edward has also been active with the Boys Scouts of America, and supported his son in becoming an Eagle Scout.

The members of the White Alloe Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, wish to extend gratitude and thanks to Edward Smith for his service to our country.