



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

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James "Jim" Stoner was born in El Paso, Texas, but graduated from Moberly High School in 1943, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on May 19, 1943. Jim's father served in World War I and re-enlisted in the Army after World War II started and was stationed at Guadalcanal when Jim enlisted.

Jim went to boot camp in Virginia, had a ten-day leave, then left on a troop train for Port Hueneme, California. After three days, he left for Pearl Harbor on the USS Cabot. The fleet was on a mission to clean up the damage caused by the bombing of Pearl Harbor and was there for two months before departing for Guam. The fleet's mission at Guam was to build an airstrip there as well as one at Saipan. When the fleet arrived in Guam there were a lot of Japanese and a few American bodies from the Battle of the Marianas which had not been buried yet and the fleet had to take care of them prior to building the airstrip. Jim returned to the United States in November 1945 and was stationed at the Great Lakes until being discharged from the Navy on May 20, 1956 with the rank of cook third class.

Awards and medals Jim received were the World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After his discharge Jim went to work for the Wabash Railroad in 1950 where he worked as an Engineer. He married Mary Frances Reed of Arkansas on February 14, 1948 and they have three children, Brenda Smith, James Edward Stoner, and William Anthony Stoner. They have four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Jim married Joanna June Polson in 1964 and she passed in 2007. He is a member of the West Park Methodist Church, a life member of the VFW, and a life member of the American Legion.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to James "Jim" Stoner for his service to our great country and are pleased to honor him as the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot of the Month.