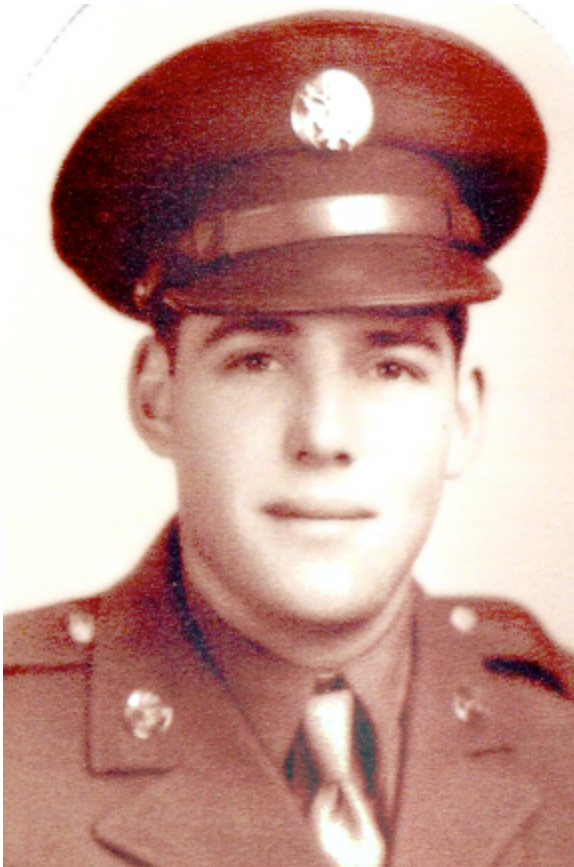




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Patriot of the Month
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Ivan R. Hogan

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Ivan R. Hogan, as many boys from his area, enlisted into the United States Navy at the Ray County, Missouri Courthouse in the summer of 1944. He was told to go home and prepare to ship out. When he returned to town, Richmond, to report he found he had been reassigned to the United States Army. Ivan complete his basic training in Arkansas, then shipped out of New York Harbor with the 104th Infantry Division on August 27, 1944. They landed at Cherbourg, France, early September 1944.

Ivan experienced a trip on the famous Red Ball Express direct to the front line just inside Germany. In late April of 1945, the 104th Infantry Division met the Russian Army in a town called Pretzsch, Germany, approximately 150 miles south and west of Berlin and prepared for the final assault and push to Berlin.

When he returned stateside from Europe in the Spring of 1945 he was immediately put on a train in New York for a cross country ride to San Louis Obispo, California, to prepare for the invasion of Japan. During this trip he experienced a recurrence of childhood rheumatic fever and had to stay for quite some time at the Navajo Ordinance Depot at Flagstaff, Arizona. While there the troops had many opportunities to train for a variety of different skills. Ivan chose cooking and to this day has a real joy for this skill. During this time Victory in Japan occurred with the unconditional surrender and thus ended active duty for the division. Ivan was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in the summer of 1945.

He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and several unit citations for service and duty in the battlefield while engaged with and under enemy fire.

Ivan married Maryann Davis and they have three children Stephanie, Jennifer, and Brad. He is retired President and Chairman of Hardin Savings Association, a member of the Hardin United Methodist Church, a trustee and past board member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, and past board member of Hardin-Central C-2 School District.

The members of the Allen-Morton-Watkins Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Ivan R. Hogan as Patriot of the Month and wish to thank him for his service to our country.