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Patriot of the Month
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ANDREW D. STUTZMAN

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Andrew D. Stutzman was born in 1923 in Sarcoxie, Missouri. He attended Carthage High School, graduating in 1942. During his high school years he enjoyed ROTC and enlisted in the United States Army on June 1, 1942, at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, MO. After basic training at Camp Crowder, he was trained first as a teletype operator and later as a teletype repairman. He would become a communication specialist. In 1942 at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, with the 57th Signal Battalion he did coding and later went to Fort Jackson in South Carolina with the 59th Signal Battalion where he held the rank of Tech 4. His next duty location was Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, which was also his port of embarkation on board the Aquitania. He left the United States in 1943 for Camp Bewedly, Stourport, England

The 59th Battalion lived in a hospital in England preparing for the Normandy Invasion. On the 8 June they landed on Utah Beach. From there the Battalion moved to Brest, France, where Andy worked in Corps Headquarters doing code work and taking care of the security of the code machines. In August 1944, near Brest, Andy was wounded in action. He was given leave and spent some time in Mont Saint Michel, France. While in France, the men lived in camps called cigarette camps. Andy was in the "Lucky Strike" camp.

The Battalion moved on following General Patton. They convoyed all the way through Paris to Bastogne, Belgium, where the Battle of the Bulge took place. It was a very cold winter. The Battalion continued on to Germany where they found a concentration camp named Ohrdruf, located near Weimar, Germany. This camp was the first Nazi concentration camp liberated by the U. S. troops. They went on to Hof, Germany and while there the war ended.

A liberty ship brought the troops home. On arrival in New York Andy tells about how good the food was, steak and especially the milk. They all drank lots of milk! He was honorably discharged as Tech 4 grade Co A 50th AI Battalion at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO September 23, 1945. In 1950 he joined the Missouri Army National Guard and spent time at Camp Clark and Camp Crowder. He remained in the National Guard and served as an S2 of the 203rd Engineer Battalion, retiring June 5, 1971, as armor officer with the rank of Major. Andy spent 29 years in the military completing schooling for teletype operator, teletype repairman, signal school, armor school, and infantry course,, and corps institute (telegraph).

Andy received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat zone between June 1944 and March 1945, the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy on August 7, 1944 in France, five Battle Stars for Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe, Northern France, and the Rhineland Campaign, the Good Conduct Medal, the European/African/Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon, and three overseas bars.

Andy married Elberta Nunns in 1945. They have two boys, Richard and Scott. Elberta passed away in 1966. In 1973 Andy married Jean Peterson. Andy worked for the telephone company, is a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, a charter member and past

president of the Military Officers Association, the 203rd Engineer Battalion Houn' Dawg Association, Purple Heart Association, and the Pioneer America Society.

The members of the Rhoda Fairchild Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Andrew D. Stutzman as Patriot of the Month and wish to thank him for his service to our country.