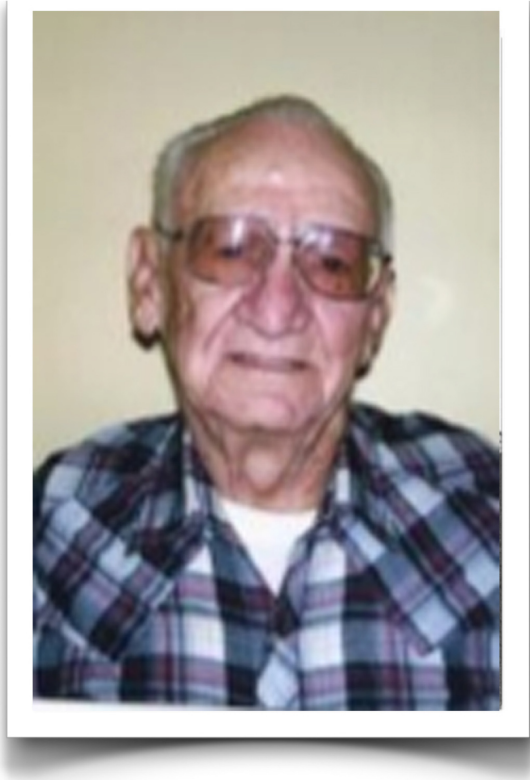




**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Harold Anderson

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Harold Anderson enlisted in the Navy on May 17, 1944, at Kansas City, MO. He received his boot camp at Farragut, Idaho then was sent to Camp Bradford, Virginia for amphibious training. He was assigned to a replacement unit, then shipped out of Patrick Henry, VA on a liberty ship and landed at Oran, Algeria. From there he went on to Arzew, Algeria and the unit was transported to Bizerty, Algeria where he was assigned to a USS LST 1012 (amphibious landing craft and landing ship).

One of Harold's many memories was sadly a burial at sea. He also tells about Thanksgiving 1944. He was on a landing craft going from Oran to Bizerty which was a three day trip. It did not have a large enough kitchen to take care of the unit, so they took a fifty gallon barrel onto the deck and filled it with water and cans of C-rations were heated in the

barrel. The cans were cracking open allowing seepage into the water causing about a quarter inch of grease on top of the water. At one point Harold picked up one of the C-Ration cans and saw the date stamped on the can, 1917. He decided to just not eat so he didn't get sick but the majority of the crew were taken off the ship and put in the hospital.

Upon discharge Harold returned home to work as a body and fender auto repairman. He eventually owned his own business but sold it in 1996. He married Frances Barker and they have three daughters. He belongs to the Baptist Church and is a lifetime member of the VFW and a member of the Moose.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Harold Anderson as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude and thanks for his service to our great country