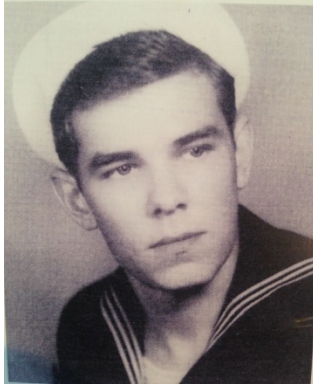


Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

July 2014



Leroy "Butch" Braswell

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Leroy Braswell quit school in 1945 and joined the Navy. After boot camp in San Diego, California, Leroy boarded a troop train to Norfolk, Virginia. He was assigned as a gunners mate, serving aboard two ships in the Atlantic Ocean in charge of a quad 40mm gun tub. In the event of a gun malfunction, Leroy cleared the gun for five minutes, then removed the misfired round and "deep sixed it," disposing of it overboard.

When Leroy was discharged in February 1948, he returned home and finished high school. He received the Victory Medal and European Theater Ribbon.

Leroy has been married to Doris Marie Bane for 63 years. They have two daughters, two grandsons, and one great granddaughter. Leroy is a life member of the VFW, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and a Boy Scouts leader for 74 years. Leroy and Doris are active in their church and numerous civic groups.

The members of the Captain Henry Whitener Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Leroy "Butch" Braswell as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his service and commitment to our nation.