

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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Anthony T. Grgurich

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Anthony T. Grgurich was born May 16, 1920, in Novinger, Missouri. He graduated from Novinger High School in May 1941 and enlisted in the Army, serving from January 7, 1942, to October 17, 1945. He sailed with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division to Australia and acted as a light artillery gun crewman in the jungles of New Guinea, the Southern Philippines, Luzon, and Papuan. His infantry group was stationed in the mountains of the Philippines when Japan surrendered, but it was three days later when they found out. Tony suffered from malaria in New Guinea, walking eight miles to a field hospital with a temperature of 102.6 degrees. He continued to suffer from malaria for tow years after he returned to the United States. He was honorably discharged in October 1945 as a Private First Class. Among his many notable achievements, Tony was awarded four Bronze Stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Pacific Victory Medal, the World War II Victory Badge, and a Presidential Citation.

After the war Tony started his own business in heavy equipment construction which he operated for 66 years. He and his wife Jean were married 62 years. They had two sons, five grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren. Tony is an active member in many organizations including Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, Lions Club, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is the Commander of the District VFW.

Tony is a true patriot, a great citizen, and one of the "Greatest Generation." The Ann Haynes Chapter is proud to nominate him as Patriot of the Month.