

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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Larry Schopp

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Larry Schopp graduated from Moberly High School in 1956. He then joined the 175<sup>th</sup> Military Police National Guard Unit in Moberly, Missouri, and served there for two years before transferring to the active duty Marine Corps on November 4, 1958. He received basic training at the San Diego Recruit Depot, and Advanced Infantry Training at Camp Pendleton. He returned to San Diego for six weeks of Sea School. He was assigned to the USS Saint Paul, a heavy cruiser, for 30 months. The USS Saint Paul was a Good Will Ambassador Ship which honored dignitaries at state receptions. Corporal Schopp was in a Marine Detachment and under the guidance of the Gunnery Department who served as the Admiral's orderly and security guard. He also served on the honor guard for all dignitaries, including President Eisenhower.

Corporal Schopp married Janice Clutch of Moberly on June 18, 1961. He received an honorable discharge five months later and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Larry became a farmer in Middle Grove, Missouri, and worked on the Wabash Railroad (later Norfolk and Western), retiring in 2000.

Larry and Janice have three children and four grandchildren. Larry is a member of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church, Moberly American Legion, Marine Corp League, U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Association, and the Masonic Lodge at Milton.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter, NSDAR wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to Larry Schopp for his service to our great country.