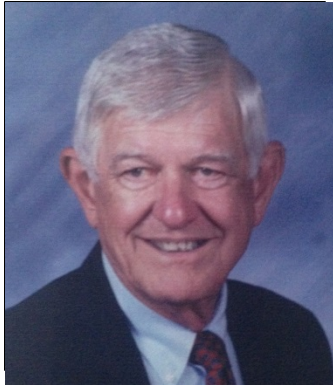


Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

August 2014



Donald A. Accurso

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Don Accurso enlisted in the Navy in June 1944, trained at Farragut, Idaho, and sailed out into the Pacific Ocean under the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. He served two years aboard the U.S.S. Pocomoke (an airplane tender). He received medals of service and the Victory Medal in the American, Asiatic Pacific and the Philippine Liberation Theaters. Don received an honorable discharge in June 1946. He served in the Navy Reserve until 1952.

After the war, he returned to Kansas City and married Norine Pauletic in February 1947. They have two daughters, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Don has been a licensed real estate salesman and broker for over 50 years and was named "Realtor Emeritus" by the National Board of Realtors in 2010.

Don was the leader of the dance band at Central High School and started the band up again when he returned home from the Navy. The band plays "Big Band Sounds of the Forties" and is still playing all of the time. He was honored to receive an annual grant from the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation in 2000 to play free events for senior citizens. He has recorded two CDs.

Don was also honored to attend the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on October 8, 2013 and was chosen to lay the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Don's wife, Norine Pauletic Accurso, is an active member of the Kansas City Chapter, DAR.

The members of the Kansas City Chapter, DAR are proud to nominate Donald A. Accurso as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our nation.