

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Robert M. Anderson

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Robert attended Maury High School in Norfolk, Virginia. He enlisted in the Army in April 1951, received basic training at Fort Hood, Texas, and left Fort Hood in March 1952 for Korea. Robert was in the 2nd Infantry Division known as the Indian Head Division and was in North Korea above the 38th parallel where he manned a squad 50 machine gun. While firing over "Old Baldy" Mountain, he was hit by shrapnel from a mortar round by the enemy. The mountain was named "Old Baldy," because it had the appearance of a bald man due to being shelled heavily. Robert was wounded on September 29, 1952, at 10:30 p.m. He was taken in a jeep to a Mash Hospital which is a tent hospital, then was flown to an American military hospital in Japan. After about a week, Robert was flown to Guam, then to Honolulu, Hawaii, and was hospitalized there for several days. He was then flown to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he remained for four months. He was discharged on February 28, 1953, as a Private First Class and returned home to Norfolk, Virginia. He received the National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal.

Robert was unable to find a job because of his severe injuries, except for odd jobs, until he was hired by the U.S. Post Office doing various jobs and became a mail carrier in Norfolk in 1959. He retired in 1989. He moved to Belton, Missouri, and worked for Laidlaw and First Student School Bus Company starting in January 2000 and retired in 2009. In 2001, he married Jerry Hulett. After his wife passed, he moved. He has one step-daughter, one step-grand-daughter, and one step-great-grand-daughter. Robert is a life-time member of the following organizations: Moberly VFW, Disabled American Veterans, 2nd Division Association, Purple Hearts Association, and a member of Family Life Fellowship Church in Moberly.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter, NSDAR are proud to nominate Robert Maynard Anderson as Patriot of the Month and extend sincere gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our nation.