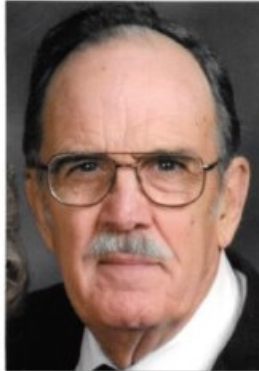


Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Raymond W. Henderson

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Raymond Wayne Henderson graduated from Cairo High School in 1952 and attended Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville, Missouri, now known as Truman University. He enlisted in the Army on February 2, 1954, and received basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, then went to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland for schooling. In August 1954, he boarded a ship to Korea where he was in the 8th Army and was gone for almost sixteen months. He was in several towns in Korea including the capital of Seoul in South Korea, Incheon, and Munsan-Ni. Raymond was a watch repairman for two months, then the need for a watch repairman was eliminated, and he became an ordnance supply specialist. While in Korea, in addition to his workload, he took several courses including shorthand and photography and enjoyed a seven day R & R to Tokyo, Japan.

Raymond returned to the United States at Fort Riley, Kansas, in November 1955, and was in the 5th Army. The last six months at Fort Riley, he was company clerk and was discharged as a Specialist 4 on February 1, 1957. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. After being discharged, he returned to Jacksonville, Missouri, and was in the inactive reserves for five years, until February 1, 1962.

After returning home, Raymond worked at Cook's Paint Store, Green's Rock Quarry, and the last thirty years he was a carpenter before he retired. After retiring, Raymond did woodcrafting and took the woodcraft products to flea markets and craft shows in Missouri and other states. He went on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. on November 12, 2012. He is a member of Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church and of the Masons where he holds a 50 year pin. Raymond was married to Barbara Halley of Huntsville on June 2, 1961, and they have two children and two grandchildren.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend our gratitude to Raymond Wayne Henderson for his service to our great country.