

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

January 2015



John D. Dyer, Jr.

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Gilead Rupe Chapter



John was born October 20, 1923, son of Ruby Florence Mann and John David Dyer in rural Jackson County near Sibley, Missouri. He attended Lawnwood, Blue Valley, Combs, and Oakland elementary schools in rural Jackson County and graduated from Hall's Memorial High School in Buckner, Missouri, in May 1941. He was active in the high school's athletic program where he earned letters for football, basketball, baseball, and track. His senior year, he was captain of the track team. He was also active in the high school choir.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from December 1942 to November 1945. He was assigned as a central fire control turret mechanic with the 20<sup>th</sup> Air Force in a B-29 squadron based on Saipan Island in the South Pacific from September 1944 to November 1945.

On November 24, 1943, he married Dora Loyal Firkins Denver, Colorado. They have two sons, two granddaughters, two grandsons, twin great granddaughters, six great grandsons and two great, great grandsons.

John earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering at Finlay College, Kansas City, in October 1947. In January 1948, he joined Black and Veatch Consulting Engineers where he worked until retiring in January 1988. He passed the State of Missouri Licensing Exam and became a Registered Professional Engineer in February 1957.

Since 1948, he has been an active member of the Baptist Church where he lead an adult Bible study class from 1984 until 1999. In 1988, he was ordained as deacon in the church. From 2009-2013, he served as adjutant for Amvets Post 100 in Odessa, Missouri, where he continues as a member. He currently is treasurer for the Odessa Senior Citizens Center, Inc.

The Daughters of the Gilead Rupe Chapter DAR are proud to nominate John David Dyer, Jr. as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our nation.