

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Harold Edwards

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Mr. Edwards entered the service in Leavenworth, Kansas, on December 15, 1943, right out of high school. He had a choice of the Navy or Army Air Force and went with the Army Air Force and was sent to Amarillo, Texas, for basic training. He was then sent to Muroc Army Base (desert) for training with the bomber groups near Lancaster, California. He was there a year and was transferred to Infantry at Camp Livingston, Louisiana for basic training again. He was a mechanic on ground equipment. He was in basic for six weeks and then sent to Fort Meade, Maryland. He was either going to Europe or the South Pacific. Then he was bound for the South Pacific via troop train to Fort Ord, California. He was shipped out to the Philippines on May 17, 1945. He arrived on June 11, 1945. He was a rifleman in the jungle until the bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He did not have points to be discharged so he became a truck driver hauling troops and supplies. He was discharged on April 16, 1946, from Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mr. Edwards received the Combat Infantry Badge, Battles and Campaigns – Southern Philippines, American Ribbon, Asian Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star.

Mr. Edward's career started with printing at Byrd Fletcher, then Folger's Coffee and Parke Davis with the last thirty years at General Motors before retirement. He worked ten years as the school business manager for John Hill. He offered extensive community involvement with the Lathrop Senior Housing Board, and served as a city alderman. He is an active member of the American Legion, VFW, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rites, First Christian Church, Clinton County Rural Water Board, and has served as a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

He has been married for sixty-six years. He has four children, eight grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

The Daughters of the Missouri Shoals Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Harold Edwards as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.