

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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John "Jack" Peddicord

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John "Jack" Peddicord entered the Navy in 1944, the day he turned seventeen. He volunteered in Baltimore, Maryland, for submarine duty to be with others he knew in boot camp. He attended submarine school in New London, Connecticut. He wanted to be a machinist, but his second choice of baker was where he ended up. Jack was assigned to the USS Carp whose mission was to circle Japan and sink cargo ships in the southwest Pacific. The USS Carp sunk several Japanese cargo ships. Jack also was an ammunition passer, passing 5 inch shells to the gunner. He achieved the rank of Seaman. He credited the service for giving him confidence, "You were doing something that others didn't want to do."

Discharged in 1946 in Bainbridge, Massachusetts, Jack returned to Baltimore where he found a job selling and repairing sewing machines at a department store. A few years later, he took a similar job at Sears in Baltimore and then got a merchandise manager's job at the Country Club Plaza store in Kansas City. He retired from Sears after thirty-four years of employment.

Mr. Peddicord is part of a dwindling band of World War II submariners. It had its own veterans' group until 2012 when it was disbanded, because membership sank below one hundred members. Jack received the Navy Submarine Combat pin. He and his wife reside in Missouri near family.

The Daughters of the Gilead Rupe Chapter DAR are proud to nominate John "Jack" Peddicord as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.