

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

September 2015



James Mendenhall

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James Mendenhall was born in Miami, Missouri, in 1925. He attended high school in Slater, Missouri. Shortly after graduation in 1943, he entered the U.S. Army, 81st Infantry Division at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. James fought in the jungles of the South Pacific Islands and the Philippines. After the atomic bombs were dropped, August 1945, on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the Japanese were forced to surrender, his division landed north of Hiroshima to secure the area. Thereafter, his unit was given some welcome relief with time off in New Caledonia, and island north of Australia.

James returned to the United States via Los Angeles, and in late 1945 he was discharged at Fort Leavenworth with the rank of Staff Sergeant. James returned to Slater, Missouri, and worked for the County Road District, in construction, and farming. He married Shirley Adcock in 1951, and they are the parents of a son and daughter. James just recently sold his farm and is taking a much deserved rest. He is a member of the Slater American Legion and the VFW.

The Daughters of the Arrow Rock Chapter DAR are proud to nominate James Mendenhall as Patriot of the Month and extend their sincere gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.