

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Ralph Rupe

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Ralph Rupe from Lathrop, Missouri is a veteran who served in the Navy from March 1942 to December 31, 1945. During WWII he was a 1st Class Radio Man. He entered the service in Leavenworth, Kansas and was sent to Navy Base Boot Camp in Farragut, Idaho. He was then sent to the following bases: Boulder, Colorado; Bainbridge Island, Puget Sound, Washington; Imperial Beach, California; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and Okinawa where he ended the war. Mr. Rupe was trained as an intercept operator. He copied the Japanese code but could not read it. The information was considered Top Secret. Ralph received the Good Conduct Medal among many others. He was discharged from the service in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Rupe had many interesting job experiences in his civilian life. He started out working for the Hybrid Corn Company in Marshall, Missouri for four years before joining the Navy. After his discharge, he worked part time for the Highway Department, then 18 1/2 years in drug stores as a pharmacy technician. He sold cars for three to four years and was self employed in the used car business for 25 years. He worked at a bank for 18-20 years and opened the Holt Bank in Holt, Missouri. He then retired from the used car business.

Mr. Rupe belongs to the American Legion, VFW and Methodist Church which he attends every Sunday. He has been married for 73 years and lives with his wife in Lathrop. They have two sons, two adopted grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The members of the Missouris Shoal Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend our sincere gratitude to Ralph Rupe for his service to our great nation.