

## Submitting Your Patriot of the Month

There are two options to submit the Patriot Submission Form and photo.

♥Email the Patriot Submission form along with the digital photo to [pom@mssdar.org](mailto:pom@mssdar.org): preferred method.

♥Mail the submission form and photo to:  
Patricia Hale  
Patriot of the Month Chair  
1684 Kohrman Road  
Owensville, MO 65066

♥Original photos will be returned; please include a self addressed stamped envelope with your submission. Otherwise, the photo will be placed in the chapter's Spring or Fall SIP packet.

♥ Submission must be received on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month prior to the month the Patriot will be featured on the MSSDAR public website.

♥Chapters will be notified via email upon receipt of the submission form and the month their POM nominee will appear as Patriot of the Month.



### Let's Talk POMs?

Please contact this chair if you have questions about the Patriot of the Month program.

Patricia "Pat" Hale  
Patriot of the Month Chair  
573-821-3588  
[pom@mssdar.org](mailto:pom@mssdar.org)

*The Patriot Submission Form and additional instructions are available on the "Patriot of the Month" or "Purple Heart Patriots" webpages.*



## PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

**Honoring Veterans  
and Active-Duty  
Military Members**

# How to submit an individual to be honored as “Patriot of the Month”

## **Plan for your interview.**

Contact your POM nominee and plan a time that is convenient for both of you. Gather the items needed; pen, paper, camera, digital recorder. (Please ask the nominee permission to use a digital recorder to record the interview.) Make a list of the questions you would like to ask. Consider the following questions to get you started and the dialogue flowing.

- ♥When did you enter the service and how old were you?
- ♥Were you drafted or did you enlist?
- ♥Where did you train and where were you stationed during your time in the military?
- ♥What was your MOS (job) while in the service?
- ♥Would you like to share an interesting experience you had while serving?
- ♥Were you awarded any medals, ribbons, or citations? If so, which ones?
- ♥After leaving military service, what career or occupation did you have?
- ♥Do you belong to any veteran or community organizations?

♥What’s the best piece of advice you received when entering the military service? And what piece of advice would you give to someone entering the service today?

♥Would you like to share anything about your family?

## **The interview.**

♥Be on time and start the conversation by introducing yourself and sharing with your interviewee why you are interested in their military service.

♥Using the questions you have prepared, start the interview. Veterans and active-duty military have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share, so take the time to listen to their stories and you’ll find questions will come naturally.

♥Ask if they have a photo they would like to share of themselves while in the military, or, if you can take a photo of them to include with their story.

♥And last, ask the individual being interviewed to sign the Photo and Information Release portion of the Patriot Submission Form. Without it, we cannot honor the Patriot.

## **After the interview.**

♥Soon after the interview and based on the information obtained, write an interesting narrative about the Patriot of the Month nominee focusing on their military service. Please use Microsoft Word to write the narrative; no handwritten narratives please.

♥Prepare the photo of your Patriot of the Month to accompany the narrative. The photo should be of a high resolution if digital, or if printed, a clear and sharp image on good quality photo paper. Please do not crop the photo to ensure that enough space for editing is available by this chair for the appropriate media.

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