

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

PATRIOT OF THE MONTH



Billy Givens Anson

Born in 1928, in Ft. Madison, Iowa, Bill Anson graduated from Ft. Madison HS in 1947. He attended Iowa University at Iowa City, IA, and Central Missouri State University, in Warrensburg, MO, prior to being drafted in 1951. He was unable to complete his degree in mathematics by only a few credits, but did manage to marry Miss Mary Alice Brown within days of having to report for induction.

He reported to Kansas City, Missouri, and was sent to Camp Crowder for induction into the US Army Armored Division. He received basic training and signal schooling at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He was sent to Korea in May, 1952, and was stationed in the communications section of headquarters for the 65th Engineer Combat Battalion. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1953, and served in Company A of the same Battalion, as a radio operator.

He was honorably discharged in August, 1953, after 15 months service in Korea. He then transferred to the Army Reserves to complete 8 years of service. His citations & decorations include the U.N. Service Medal w/ 2 Bronze Stars.

Bill then began a long career with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Retired since 1984 and living in Clinton, Missouri, Bill now enjoys reading, cooking, gardening, and spending time with his three proud sons—Brad, Curt, and Stuart,—their wives, and nine grandchildren.

Bill shares the same GGGG-Grandfather and American Revolutionary War veteran, John Corder, with his sister and DAR member, Judy Anson Frerking of Marshall Chapter. Judy writes:

"Bill Anson comes from a long line of American Patriots, from the American Revolution, to the War of 1812, to the War Between the States, and into the 20th century wars and conflicts. It is an ongoing goal of mine to honor all my past ancestor veterans, but it is double the thrill to have this chance to recognize my brother, a living veteran, who has given his entire life to serving his country."

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Judy Frerking proudly nominates her brother, Billy Givens Anson, for Patriot of the Month.



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