



**Missouri State Society
Daughters of the American
Revolution**

PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: Paul Butler

Paul Butler graduated from Conway High School, Conway, MO in June 1946. He enlisted in the US Navy in December 1946. He graduated from US Naval Schools, Yeoman "A" and "B," with honors from both.

His places of service included US Naval Amphibious Forces with the Pacific Fleet, Coronado, CA; Guided Missile Unit #4, Pt. Mugu, CA; Japan; and Korea. He served with COMPHIBPAC aboard the USS ELDORADO (AGC-11) and USS MCKINLEY (AGC-7).

Paul's honors/citations include:

- ◇ China Service Medal
- ◇ US Navy Occupation Medal
- ◇ WWII Victory Medal
- ◇ National Defense Service Medal
- ◇ Good Conduct Medal w/ 3 stars
- ◇ United Nations Medal
- ◇ Korean Service Medal w/ 2 stars
- ◇ South Korean Presidential Unit Citation
- ◇ Combat Action Medal
- ◇ South Korean War Medal



He returned to civilian life in 1956 and was ordained to the ministry by Conway Christian Church in 1958. He ministered at Washington Christian Church, Lebanon, MO; Westside Christian Church, Carthage, MO; and North Joplin Christian Church, Joplin, MO. He graduated in 1961 from Ozark Bible College (which became Ozark Christian College in 1985) with a Bachelor of Theology degree. He received a Master of Biblical Literature degree in 1973 and Doctor of Theology from Theological University of America in 1990. He has served as Professor of Bible and Philosophy at Ozark Christian College for 32 years. For 30 of those years, he has also served as Dean of Admissions and Registrar.

Paul is the author of many Bible study textbooks, including *What the Bible Says About Civil Government*, a book owned by President George Bush and former President Bill Clinton.

Paul is a 34-year member of the American Legion. He is also a member of the Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, holding many offices at the chapter and state level in his 22 years of membership. He has received many awards from SAR, and was awarded the NSDAR Medal of Honor in 1994. His Revolutionary ancestors are Ebenezer Humphrey, Strangeman Hutchins, and Daniel Bills. He is the author of seven family genealogical books.

He married Gale Kinnard in 1948. They have two children, four grandchildren (two of the boys are in the Air Force), and a great grand child. Paul's hobbies include his grandchildren, reading history, genealogical research, woodworking, gardening, and golf.

Gale is a Past Regent of the Joplin Chapter DAR and proudly nominates her husband, Paul T. Butler for Patriot of the Month.



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