



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the
American Revolution*

Patriot of the Month; December 2008

Alden G. Hacker
Colonel, US Army, (Retired)

It was 1941 and 2nd Lt. Hacker, with a degree in engineering, fresh out of college and the city, was sent to Alaska to help build the Alcan Highway. He was a member of the 35th Engineer Combat Regiment. After his work on the highway, Alden returned to the West Coast where he trained to do combat landings in the Pacific to retake the islands overrun by the Japanese. He did combat landings on Okinawa and Leyte and was training for the invasion of Japan when the A-bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. His next assignment was in Korea where he was part of the occupation to prevent Russia from taking over the Korean peninsula.

After completing 4 ½ years of active duty, Alden resumed his civilian career while remaining in the Army Reserves as a teacher for the next 32 ½ years. He has a degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. He was a Vice President of McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Co. in St. Louis, then Technology Director for Eaton Corporation.

Alden is president of MOAA (a military officer's organization) and president of the Missouri Council of Chapters. He is also St. Louis Chapter Commander of the MOWW (Military Officers of World Wars), State Commander, Regional Commander, General Staff Emeritus, and Director of the Youth Leadership Conference in St. Louis. He is the District Chairman of the White Water Council of Boy Scouts of America in Indiana and a board member of the YMCA in Indiana.

Alden is a member of the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church and has served as a Deacon, Trustee, and Elder. He is married to long standing DAR member Eileen Hacker. They have one daughter and one granddaughter.