



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the
American Revolution*

Patriot of the Month; February 2009

Ambrose Schulte

It was a year after the bombing of Pearl Harbor when Ambrose Schulte joined the Army Signal Corps as a member of the 98th Signal Battalion. His unit served in the South Pacific theatre including Manila, Philippines. Ambrose participated in sixteen invasions and was wounded in combat in the head, left side, and hand. He showed amazing bravery; sacrificing much for his outstanding patriotism. For his service, Ambrose was paid \$1.00 a day or \$30.00 a month. Ambrose was nominated for five Bronze Stars and received three. He also was awarded a Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged January 9, 1946.

After his discharge, Ambrose hitchhiked from St. Louis, Missouri, to Cottleville, Missouri, to see his "girl" Rita, who had been writing to him while he was in the Army. They later married. Rita is now deceased but they were married for sixty-two years. They had four children and nine grandchildren.

Ambrose owned and operated a general store in Cottleville, Missouri. He also worked in construction and was a truck driver. He currently operates Wagon Master Antiques in the area of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri. He is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dardenne Prairie.