



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the
American Revolution*

Patriot of the Month; February 2009

Billy E. Smith

Soon after graduating from high school Billy was drafted into the U.S. Navy Seabees. He received basic training at the Navy Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, and saw duty with the 85th Battalion Seabees at Wake Island and New Hebrides Islands, where he served on the water distillation crew. He received the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Foreign Service Campaign Medal for the Pacific Theatre. In June of 1946, he was discharged at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri, as a Petty Officer 3rd Class.

Billy was married to his wife, Betty, shortly after his discharge and they have two children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He owned and operated a refrigeration company for forty-three years. Billy and his wife are members of the first Baptist Church of Moberly.

The Armstrong Chapter proudly nominates Billy E. Smith as Patriot of the Month.