



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the
American Revolution*

Patriot of the Month; March 2009

James Fowlkes was drafted into the Army in November, 1942 and was discharged in October, 1945. He received basic training at Camp Robertson, Arkansas, followed by AIT at Fort Benning, Georgia. He left Fort Kilmer, New Jersey, for the

European Theatre of Operation and on D-Day, June 7, 1944, landed on Utah Beach. James also fought in the Battle of the Bulge. PFC Fowlkes was a wireman with the attacking companies of the 90th Infantry Division. They took the city of Metz, Germany. In the ETO, he saw duty in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Rifleman Medal, European Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, U.S. Army Service Medal, and the State of Missouri WWII Veterans Medal.

PFC Fowlkes married his wife, Carrie, in 1942. They had two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He retired from the railroad as a brakeman. James belongs to the Moberly VFW, the Moberly American Legion and is a member of the 1st Christian Church.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter proudly nominate James Fowlkes as Patriot of the Month.