



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the American
Revolution*

**Patriot of the Month; March 2010
Kerr W. Breckenridge**



The Missouri State Society NSDAR is pleased to honor Kerr W. Breckenridge as a Patriot of the Month for March 2010.

Kerr was drafted into the United States Army in 1944. For 17 weeks of infantry training, he left behind two small children and his wife when he was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida. After infantry training he was sent to England and then traveled to Eupen, Belgium. On November 17, 1944, Kerr was on the front line in Huergan, Germany, in the Battle of the Bulge. He fought in this war zone for many weeks.

On December 25, 1944, there was heavy shelling and Kerr was severely injured. He received minimal medical attention from a first aid attendant and had to walk out of the war zone on his own to a waiting truck. He was then transported to Belgium and from there sent to Paris, France and then to England where he convalesced for two months. While in England the war was declared over in 1945. Kerr was then

stationed in Nancy, France, as a driver for officers. He returned home in 1946.

Medals and Honors received:

- Good Conduct Medal
- Combat Infantry Badge
- Two Bronze Stars
- Purple Heart

In civilian life, Kerr worked for Hillyard Chemical Company, St. Joseph, Missouri, as a Distribution Manager for 45 years. He is currently a member of the Baptist church. He is also a member of the following organizations: Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

Gerald and his wife Georgia, deceased, have two sons and five granddaughters.

The Missouri Shoal Chapter proudly nominated Kerr W. Breckenridge as Patriot of the Month.