

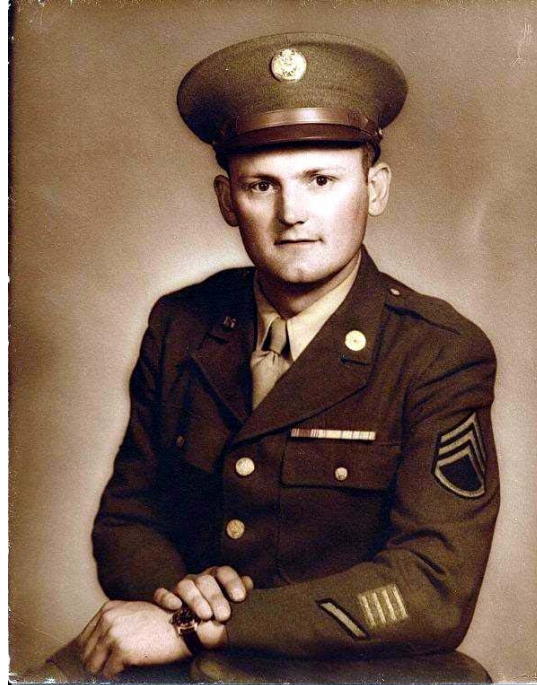
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Patriot of the Month



**Edward S. “Ed”
Pastrovich**

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Edward “Ed” Simon Pastrovich attended school in Valley Park, Missouri. He was an outstanding baseball player and played one year (1935), for the St. Louis Cardinals Minor League, until he was drafted into the Army in February 1936.

Ed received basic training at Little Rock, Arkansas. While he and his unit were on a train being sent to an unknown destination to board a ship going to the Philippines, the Japanese blocked ship movements. His unit was then sent to California, where they rested for one week before being transferred to the state of Washington. From there they boarded a ship and sailed to Valdez, Alaska.

Ed was stationed in Alaska for almost three years with the 138th Infantry where he served as a platoon leader. Their job was to build an airport and defend Alaska from the Japanese coming down from the North. While in Alaska, the soldiers played baseball for recreation. Ed was made manager of his team based on his prior experience.

From Alaska, Ed was transferred to an Army Base in Georgia. In late 1940, he received a medical discharge. He had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

After discharge from the military, Ed went to Illinois and worked on the family farm for one year. He then moved to St. Louis where he worked as a welder and met his future wife, Virginia Miller. They married in 1946. He returned to Illinois and farmed once again. In 1962, Ed moved to Jacksonville, Missouri where he farmed, sold vegetables at his vegetable stand, and sold real estate.

Ed and Virginia had two children and four grandchildren. Virginia passed away in 1994. Ed retired in 2005 and moved into an assisted living community. He is a member of the St. Pius X Catholic Church.