

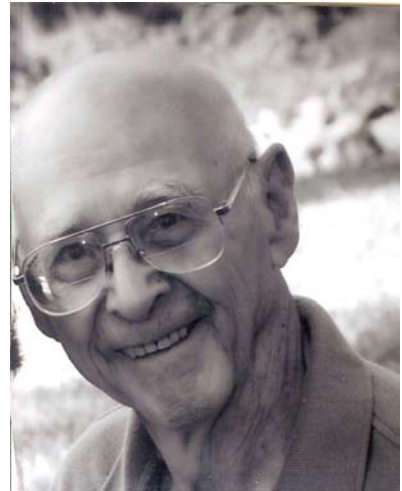
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Patriot of the Month



**Wilber Cary
Haseman**

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Wilber Cary Haseman's service started with the Missouri National Guard and ROTC training in 1938. He was called to active duty as a Field Artillery 2nd Lieutenant in February 1942. He was trained as a Communication Officer and assigned to the 88th Infantry Division, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Wilber volunteered for the cadre of the 17th Airborne Division and became Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Service Battery, 681st Glider Field Artillery Battalion, North Carolina on May 10, 1943. Wilber remembers, "Flying gliders was fun, but every landing was a crash landing."

April 1, 1944, Wilber was reassigned to the 263rd Field Artillery Battalion. He served in the European Theatre of Operations, landing on Utah Beach on September 8, 1944. His unit was involved with the dash across France, the collapse of the Siegfried Line east of Metz, the Battle of the Bulge, and the final overrun of Germany where the United States Forces met the Russians in Czechoslovakia.

Wilber remembers that the “hardest fighting was during the winter of 1944/1945 when rain, snow, and chilling cold as well as bitter fighting made for tough sledding.” At times, he was a forward observer and liaison officer with the infantry in the front lines. Wilber admitted, “Being shot at was no fun.”

After the surrender of Germany, Wilber served in the Military Police as a criminal investigator. He returned to the United States on November 16, 1945. After the war, Wilber remained in the Army Reserve until he retired in 1962 and held the rank of Major.

His medals, awards, and citations include:

- Expert rating: 45-caliber pistol and 30-caliber carbine
- Commendation: Instructor 88th Infantry Division, Message Center School
- Commendation: Division Commander III Corps Command and General George Patton for Service in Relief of Bastogne, Battle of the Bulge
- Bronze Star
- Meritorious Service: Four Battle Stars: France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Germany

Wilber received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri in 1941, his Master of Business Administration from Harvard University in 1947, and his Doctor of Philosophy from Syracuse University in 1955. He taught at Syracuse University, University of Finland as a Fulbright Fellow, and the University of Missouri, teaching Accounting, Statistics, and Economics.

Wilber married June Million in 1942. They have five children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and an author. He recently traveled with his local Honor Flight to Washington DC.

Wilber’s mother, Elosia Fish Haseman was MSSDAR Columbian Chapter Regent from 1938-1939. His daughter, Carol Roller, is currently a member of the MSSDAR Columbian Chapter.