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Patriot of the Month
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Robert T. "Bob" Weis

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Bob Weis graduated from Moberly High School in May, 1938 and Moberly Junior College on May 22, 1942. He enlisted in the Marine Corp Reserve in September, 1942, and was mobilized for active duty during World War II on July 1, 1943.

Bob received basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina; next Advanced Individual Training at Camp Lajeune, North Carolina, followed by Officers Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia. Upon graduation from OCS he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to the Fleet Marine Force, 4th Division and sent to Oceanside, California.

Shortly after arriving in California, he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands and stationed on Maui where his duty was with the shore patrol of the 4th Marine Division. Bob remained at this location until the war ended, and he returned to San Diego, California then on to Camp Lajeune, North Carolina. He remained in the Marine Corp as a 1st Lieutenant and later was sent to Memphis, Tennessee where he was discharged from active duty on June 25, 1946. Bob chose to remain in the Marine Corp Reserve.

After returning home, Bob returned to the University of Missouri where he was a member of the Tiger football squad and graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Upon graduation he opted to go into the insurance business with his father and brother.

Still with the Marine Corp Reserve, Bob was promoted to Captain in January, 1951, and was recalled to active duty for the Korean War in March, 1951. After being mobilized twice with both wars, Bob put in for release from the Reserves, which was granted in May, 1952. He received his honorable discharge in September, 1952 after nine years and eight months of service. He received the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Medal, Korean Service Medal with 1 Star, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Bob and Viola Kivett married in May, 1952 at Viola's parent's home. While in Korea, Bob had purchased the engagement and wedding ring at the PX for his future bride. Bob and Viola have four children: Kay Spalding, Gary Weis, Bob Weis, Jr., and David Weis. They have ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to Bob Weis for his service to our great country and are pleased to honor this 90-year old veteran as the MSSDAR Patriot of the Month.