



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Clark Page

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Clark Page enlisted in the V7 Naval Reserve Program in 1942 in Kansas City, MO. He was permitted to continue his education at the University of Kansas where he completed his degree in history in 1943. After graduation, he went to the Mid-Shipman School in Chicago for training and was commissioned as an Ensign in 1943. He then was ordered to report to a Landing Ship Tank (LST) 493 being built in Evansville, IL. The ship was 358 feet long, 50 feet wide and carried 158 men and 7 officers. They sailed down the Mississippi and on to Nova Scotia where they joined a convoy to Scotland which took seventeen days.

The ship was ordered to the Port of Plymouth in the south of England. On June, 6, 1944 they landed on Gold Beach during the Normandy Invasion. The ship made 35 trips transporting troops, tanks, and materials from England to Normandy. On the return trips, injured soldiers and German prisoners were transported to South Hampton, England.

On May 8, 1945, he was ordered to Great Lakes Naval Base and there received orders to report to the Pacific Theater as Commander of a Landing Craft Infantry (LCIL) ship. After one year, he returned to Great Lakes and was released to inactive duty. At the age of 38, Clark retired from the Navy Reserve.

Clark received medals of service in the American, European, and Pacific Theaters. Following the war, Clark received a medal from the French government for his participation in the invasion of Normandy.

After the war Clark returned to Kansas City. In 1947 he and Georgette Stanley were married. They have one son and one daughter, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Clark and Georgette are members of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. Clark served as Chair of Sister Cities of Kansas City and as Chair of the Salvation Army. He is a Shriner and member of the Scottish Rite. He retired from the Commerce Bank as Vice President after a career in finance.

Clark's mother, Lorraine Shields Page was Regent of the Kansas City Chapter, DAR in 1958 and 1960. In October, 2012 Clark went on the Honor Flight to Washington and reported that it was a wonderful day and how much he appreciated the support of the DAR.

The members of the Kansas City Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are honored to nominate Clark Page as Patriot of the Month for his service to our country.