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George Delbert Davis

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George Delbert Davis was born in Fairport, Missouri, on October 9, 1921. He was the youngest of five. After graduation from high school, he joined the U. S. Navy in October 1941.

By the time the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor, George was out of boot camp. He served four years during WWII on the USS Zellin (APA-3) as a 3rd Class Boatswain Mate. Originally the USS Zellin was a cruise ship converted into a troop transport. George sighted for and fired 3/50 caliber anti-aircraft guns and assisted taking troops to and from land battles. The USS Zellin received eight Battle Stars and assisted in 27 campaigns. Some of the islands where the ship assisted troops were Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambago, New Zealand, Tarawa, Betio, the Marshall Islands, and Kiska, Alaska.

After the war, George married Norma Rainey. He began a truck driving career hauling ice, milk, and eventually driving semi-tractor trailer rigs on long hauls across the U. S. George earned safety awards, a million mile award, and then retired after forty-plus years.

George and his wife, Norma, have two daughters, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. They still live in their home, and George enjoys working out daily with his barbells and stationary bike. He journals and enjoys visiting with his neighbors.

The members of the St. Joseph Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are pleased to honor George Davis as the MSSDAR Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.