

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot of the Month October 2013





Robert Burl Goff

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Robert Goff attended Moberly schools before being caught up in World War II. He was drafted into the Army on November 24, 1942 and received basic training at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He was trained to be a machine gunner and rifleman. Robert left the United States from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey for the European Theatre of Operation (ETO) on March 13, 1944 and arrived in Scotland on March 21, 1944. He proceeded by land to the English Channel and was stationed close to the White Cliffs of Dover where he guarded the coast line.

About one week after D-Day, June 6, 1944, Robert was assigned to cross the English Channel and land at Omaha Beach in France with the 601st Anti-

Aircraft Artillery. They participated in the Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland Campaigns as well as the Battle of the Bulge. Robert left the European Theatre of Operation on November 19, 1945 and arrived at Buffalo, New York on November 27, 1945. He was discharged as a Private First Class on December 8, 1945 at Jefferson barracks in St. Louis, Missouri.

Medals and Awards Robert earned are the American Theatre Campaign Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theatre Camaign Ribbon, three overseas bars, Victory Ribbon, four Bronze Stars, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Robert and Mary Mae Wilson of Huntsville, MO married on December 13, 1945. Mary passed away on January 7, 1994. They have seven children Bertha Robb, Burldeane Reilly, Vaughn Goff, Iris White, Crystal Robinson, Penny Plotner, and Mary Schneider. There are 18 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Robert worked at the Moberly Brown Shoe Factory, the Moberly Stamper Feed Mill, and in construction until retiring in 1984. While in construction, he helped build the Thomas Hill Power Plant, Moberly Housing Projects, and the Moberly High Rise. Robert is a lifetime member of the Moberly VFW, Moberly American Legion and a member of the Moose. He has served on the VFW Honor Guard for several years and went on one of the Honor Flights to Washington D.C.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Robert Burl Goff as Patriot of the Month and wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to him for his service to our great country.