



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Norval Freeman Van Houten
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Norval Van Houten graduated from Moberly High School in May 1949 and attended one year at Moberly Junior College. He enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to Company C of the 175th Military Police Battalion National Guard. On September 1, 1950 he was called to active duty. The unit left by train for Camp Rucker, Alabama for training. By January they were on their way to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and then Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Soon they left for Germany to be stationed on the Filegerhorst Kaserne (an air base for the German Air Force during WW II) located at the edge of the city of Boeblingen. While there the men felt quite fortunate to be housed in a very nice three story block barracks. During his entire military career, he served as company clerk. The 175 Military Police were considered Combat Military Police serving in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th Armies. They were known as a Bastard Outfit



which meant they didn't belong to any group permanently. Norval, with the rank of Corporal returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

Norval and Juilane Chevalier married on September 16, 1950. They have four children, David, Cheryl, Scott, and Lewis. They have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Norval's Dad and brother owned Modern Equipment Company where Norval eventually bought in as a partner until 1991 when the family closed the business. He went to work for the Orscheln Company, then the Randolph County Workshop until he retired in 2004.

Norval is a member of the First Christian Church where he is an Elder and a lifetime member of the VFW since 1976. Norval and his wife have both worked as adult leaders with the Boy Scouts. All three sons are Eagle Scouts and received God and Country Awards.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend our gratitude and thanks for Norval Van Houten for his service to our great country.