



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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John Musselman

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John Musselman graduated from North Kansas City High School, Kansas City, Missouri in 1939. He was drafted into the United States Army September 2, 1942. He did his basic training and communications training at Camp Crowder, MO. He left Camp Crowder to New York headed overseas in February 1943. They landed in Northern Ireland where he boarded a train to Marlborough, England.

John trained in Marlborough with the 150th Armored Signal Company which was part of General Patton's Third Army. He was sent across the English Channel to France the first part of July 1944, one month after D-Day, landing on Omaha Beach. He encountered some skirmishes with the enemy while going across France to Belgium. John was part of the support operations in the Battle

of the Bulge, a major German Offensive Campaign launched through the Ardennes Forest. Following the Battle of the Bulge they crossed into Germany and headed toward Berlin, then toward Southern Germany where they were involved in several more skirmishes “cleaning up” toward the end of the war.

John left Europe from Southern France aboard ship to return to the United States in September 1945, landing in Norfolk, Virginia, then taking a train to St. Louis, MO. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks, MO October 28, 1945 as Staff Sergeant. He served over three years during WWII with most of his time overseas in the European Theatre of Operations.

Awards and medals John earned are 5 Bronze Stars for participating in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes Campaigns. He also received a Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Campaign Ribbon, European–African–Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon, 3 Overseas Bars, and the WWII Victory Medal.

John married Betty Becker in 1948. They have three children John A, Betty, and Mark. They also have six grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Betty passed in 1994. Throughout his civilian life John worked construction for three years, for Stowe Hardware Company in sales and as a chemical company manager, and as a superintendent for Grasis Manufacturing Company until retiring in 1983.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate John A. Musselman as Patriot of the Month and wish to extend their gratitude and thanks for his service to our great country.