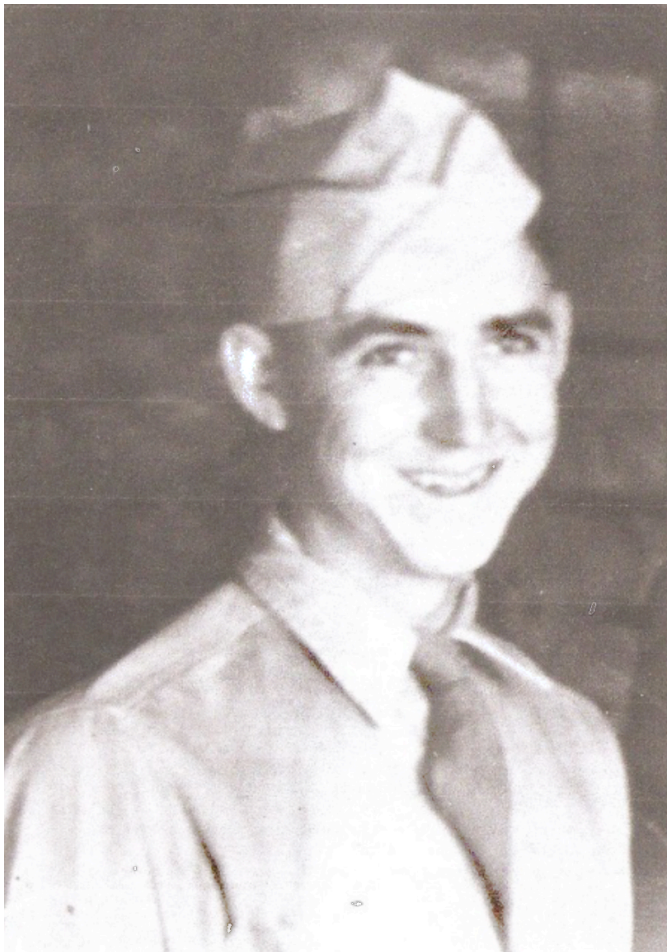




**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Ronald Ball

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Ronald Ball was born in a one room cabin in Carter County, Missouri on October 29, 1926. He was the youngest of four children. He received a limited education between cotton picking seasons. His two older brothers were drafted into the Army during WWII and as soon as Ronald registered he was drafted in January 1945. He went to basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and was shipped to Seoul, Korea as part of the occupying Army until October 1946. He was honorably discharged in December 1946. While in the

service he sent a portion of his pay to his parents to help support his baby twin sisters.

While serving, Ronald earned the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Army of Occupation Medal – Japan, the Meritorious Unit Medal, the Victory Medal, the Sharpshooter Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Ronald married Laquita Joy Peek on October 18, 1947, and they have a son and daughter. His wife passed away in May 1995. Their son made the U. S. Navy his career. Ron worked as a pattern maker for railroad parts for twenty-two years at American Brake Shoe. He earned his GED in 1967. He owned his own pattern making business for eight years, but as the railroad business waned he worked for a furniture maker, a machine parts manufacturer, and for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company. Ronald's crowning achievement for McDonnell was building the wooden model prototype (before extensive computer use became the norm) for the A12 Attack Aircraft (Flying Wing).

Ronald lives his father's motto: "When you work for somebody and you go in that door, you give them a day's work; and when you go out that door they owe you a day's pay!" He is a member of the First Baptist Church and enjoys Bible study, working puzzles, gardening, fishing, walking, and watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The members of the Caroline Close Stuart Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Ronald Earl Ball as Patriot of the Month and extend him gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.