



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
May, 2014**



Joseph Robert Wilson

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Joseph Robert (Bob) Wilson was born in 1920 in Clark County, Missouri. He joined the United States Navy on March 10, 1942. He completed boot camp at the Great Lakes. He was sent to Storekeeper School in Toledo, Ohio, and Midshipmen School at Northwestern University, in Chicago, Illinois. He served on the USS LST 838 with tours in the North Africa Campaign and Invasion of Sicily. He was assigned to the USS LST 28 for the Europe Invasion. Bob was released to inactive duty on December 13, 1945. He was recalled for the Korean War February 29, 1952, and assigned to the USS LST 1122, where he served two deployments in the West Pacific. He was Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Training Center, Bay City, Michigan, and the U. S. Navy & Marine Training Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Commander for the LST Div. 72; and retired on July 1, 1968.

Robert earned the American Campaign, European-Africa Area Campaign w/4Stars, the WWII Victory Medal, Naval Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Star, Korean Service Medal w/2 Stars, United Nations Service Medal, Korean War Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon.

Robert married Nyla Wilson, who is deceased, and they had four children, five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. In civilian life, Robert taught school, coached, served as Superintendent of schools,

and managed a personnel agency. He is a member of the United Methodist Church, the Military Officers Association, Veterans Museum & Memorial Center, Eagles Wings, Walkabout International, and the WWII Memorial.

The members of the Clark County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Joseph Robert Wilson as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.