

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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Charles Leibrandt

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Major Molly Chapter



Charles A. Leibrandt was born at Sisters Hospital in St. Joseph, Missouri, on January 29, 1930. His parents were George and Frances Leibrandt of Cameron, Missouri. "C.A.," as he was known, grew up in Cameron. His mother, Frances, was killed in an auto accident outside of Cameron just before he was five years of age. Much of his early life was spent with his grandmother and aunt. Charles volunteered for one year of military service at the age of nineteen. He went to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and then to Fort Smith in Arkansas. He was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he worked on binoculars, range finders, telescopes, and optics. While there, he practiced rifle shooting on the range, being a quail and duck hunter prior to joining the service. He was an excellent range shooter. He was discharged in January of 1950.

C.A. enrolled at Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas. He was recalled to active duty in November of 1950 and sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, for two weeks of overseas training. Next, he was sent to Pusan, Korea, by merchant ship, the Lynx. He arrived by train and on line by January 29, his birthday. He was assigned to B Company 32<sup>nd</sup> Regime 7<sup>th</sup> Division. He served on the front line, eight to nine months, carrying a BAR rifle. Having been a Boy Scout, he was many times sent forward as a scout. The soldiers built snow forts and covered themselves with snow to keep from having frostbite. His division went past the parallel line and as far north as Jane Russell Hill. His R&R time was spent with five days at Camp Drake in Japan. He left Korea in the Fall of 1951, coming home on the ship, Phoenix. He was discharged from camp at Colorado Springs. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal, as well as several other medals. He was transferred to the Air Force Reserve in May of 1952 to Squadron 19 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

In the Spring of 1952, he enrolled at Baker University. There, he met his wife, Phyllis Landers. They married on September 8, 1956, in Walker, Minnesota, where Phyllis had spent many childhood summers. Coincidentally, C.A. had spent several summers at the lake, only five miles away. The couple settled in Cameron. C.A. became the third generation to operate the Leibrandt Jewelry Store, and Phyllis began work at the Cameron Hospital. She later worked twenty years for the State in the Division of Aging. The couple have three sons and four granddaughters. The members of the Major Molly Chapter, NSDAR are proud to nominate Charles A. Leibrandt as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his service to our nation.