

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Richard A. Weilbaecher

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Richard Weilbaecher served in the United States Marine as a Master Sergeant from 1941-45. He enlisted in California in 1941 at age seventeen. He spent four years on the USS Chester (CA-27), patrolling the island coasts in the Pacific, including China, as far north as Alaska, and south of the equator. The Marines responded to trouble spots and reported any enemy activity.

Mr. Weilbaecher received several honors, medals, and ribbons. He remembers that he was recognized for distinguished service by the Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged in St. Louis in 1945.

When he returned from service, he signed up for the National Guard, but was not called upon. He became a manager of a Kroger grocery store and was transferred to managerial positions at different stores while growing his family to six children. He was an officer in charge at a VFW for several years and involved with Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. With his wife of sixty-eight years, they hosted block rosary meetings every Thursday nights (except Thanksgiving) for thirty-three years. Until this year, he was an usher at his church for fourteen years. He met his wife at a USO dance on the east coast, marrying in 1947. So far, their six children have yielded twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Weilbaecher's family and faith have always been his top priority. The result has been the ultimate contribution to our country, an extensive family who gives back to society. Like Mr. Weilbaecher, they are hardworking, well-mannered, kind, generous, and respectful of their obligations to others.

Mr. Weilbaecher continues to maintain ties with the veteran community. He is a humble man and willing to serve without personal recognition. This is in keeping with his Christian faith. He still lunches at the American Legion and VFW. He is deserving of recognition from the DAR, whose motto is "God, Home, and Country."

The Daughters of the St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Richard A. Weilbaecher as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.