

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



## Patriot of the Month

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# Lloyd Kneemiller

## United States Army Air Forces

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Lloyd enlisted into the United States Army Air Forces in 1942. He was trained in airplane mechanics and was stationed in New Guinea as part of General MacArthur's advancement on the Japanese in the Pacific theater. While there Lloyd served as the maintenance crew chief for the A-20, a light aircraft bomber and reconnaissance plane. He spent most of his time at the Combat Replacement Training Center (CRTC) which was a waypoint to the frontlines. He was behind the lines and saw his pilots and ground troops take life threatening risks every day. He saw his role as supportive to the men who "really did the fighting". He remembers that his crew only lost one A-20 plane to the enemy when a bomb lodged in a tree and exploded.



Lloyd married his wife Sylvia in 1948 and they had four children, three who survived to adulthood. After Sylvia's death he married wife Betty in 1975 who had one son. He has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Although he is no longer able to pursue his passion of growing and propagating roses, he has an on-going legacy of patriotism through his children and grandchildren among which are three United States Marines and two who served in the United States Air Force.

Olde Town Fenton Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Lloyd Kneemiller as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and dedication service to our great nation.