

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

November 2018



Wilbur L. Schmit

United States Navy

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Wilbur entered the United States Navy in 1943 and proudly served until August 1946.

During his service he was assigned to the USS *Washington* (BB 56) which saw a lot of action off the coast of Iwo Jima. His ship was bombarding the rough terrain to clear enough space for the United States Marines to get a position there. During this operation, as the Japanese planes were targeting the ship, the guns kept running out of ammunition and Wilbur was constantly running to the Magazine to replenish ammunition to keep the guns going. While Wilbur received medals and badges during his service he was most proud of the commendation he received from the ship's captain for this effort.

After Wilbur's military service, he operated a salvage yard for 30 years. He and his wife Hannah were married for 70 years before her passing. Together they had four children and eight grandchildren.

Poplar Bluff Daughters are very proud of Wilbur L. Schmit and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.

