

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month



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Wayne F. Miller

United States Navy

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Wayne F. Miller enlisted in the United States Navy in 1948. Upon completion of basic training in San Diego, CA, he was assigned to USS *Helena* (CL 50) as part of the peace keeping force in Japan. His next assignment was USS *Hollister* (DD 788) in 1949 when he became involved in the Korean War, first as search and rescue and later as part of the Korean occupation forces.



For his service, Wayne was awarded fourteen different awards and ribbons. Among the ones he is most proud of receiving are the Combat Action Award, Presidential Citation and three Bronze Stars for participating in three major engagements. Wayne chooses to remember his time in Korea with admiring the culture of the Korean people. Wayne feels the best piece of advice he received during his tour in the Navy was, "Keep your head down and don't raise your head when you hear a shot!" He was honorably discharged in 1952.

In civilian life, Wayne and his wife, Verna, to whom he was married for 67 years, raised four children and had several grandchildren. He became a police officer for the Raytown Police Department in 1957, retiring in 1980. Wayne is active in his church, within the City of Lone Jack, serving on the city council and planning and zoning committee, is past president of the Lone Jack Civic Club, where he was instrumental in organizing the Annual Oyster Dinner and is an active member of the VFW.

Gilead Rupe Daughters are very proud of Wayne F. Miller and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.