

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

November 2020



Roy Clark

United States Army Air Forces

Sponsored by:
Virginia Daughters
Chapter

Roy Clark was 18 years old when he enlisted in the US Army Air Forces in December 1942. He enlisted under the buddy plan, where buddies were supposed to stay together throughout bootcamp and during their military service. Roy was separated from his buddy before bootcamp began and did not see him again until they were discharged in January 1946. His job was working in security, as a photographer. This job took him to St. Petersburg, FL, Macon, GA, Fresno, CA, San Antonio, TX, Presidio, CA and Oakland, CA. While in California, he met the love of his life, Virginia Spainhower when she was working as a contractor inspecting military planes and cargo. He remembers during one of his missions a pilot flying him to San Francisco, and that young pilot flew the plane upside down under the Golden Gate Bridge. Roy said he'd been so afraid in his life as he was when he was on his face in plane's canopy. His most memorable photographs were taken of a crashed aircraft with wounded soldiers on board. We thank Roy for his military service – approximately 37 months in the US Army Air Forces and 4 years as a reservist.



In civilian life, he's homesteaded in Alaska with 2 of his brothers working construction for 4 years. He worked as a lineman of the city of Albany before injuring his back in a fall from a utility pole; was a maintenance foreman for Old American Insurance for 34 plus years, and now his job is to play golf and relax as a winter Texan. Roy has been married for 76 years. He and Virginia have a daughter, 2 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Virginia Daughters are proud to honor Roy Clark to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.