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Patriot of the Month

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Gordon Lyle Shull

United States Marine Corps

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Gordon Lyle Shull, son of Charles and Ethel Shull, was born January 12, 1921 in St. Louis, MO. He graduated from Cleveland High School, where baseball was his favorite subject, and enlisted in the Navy as an aviation cadet – he couldn't wait to get into the service and become a Navy pilot. He attended pre-flight training camp in Iowa City, followed by pilot (elimination) training at Lambert Field, on to R4D training in Pensacola, FL where the Marines took over his training, then on to Cherry Point, NC. He shipped out from San Diego, and landed in New Caledonia 22 days later.

As a pilot, he transported troops, supplies, replacements, Prisoners of War, wounded, and dynamite in the Pacific Theater. He saw 18-months of action in the Solomons, Palau, Guam, Phillipines, and Iwo Jima.

In his civilian life, Gordon returned to work for Western Electric, and was in the reserves until 1958. He married Kathleen, the girl next door, in 1945. He is the Father of Kerry and Dennis, Grandfather of four, and Great-Grandfather of one, with another one of the way.

Gordon is part of the daily WWII "brain trust" that meets for breakfast to discuss the world situation, the management of the St. Louis Cardinals, the service wait staff. Gordon and his friend Cliff Holmes met at Webster United Methodist Church in Webster Groves, and have golfed and enjoyed retirement together. They traveled together with the April 2017 Honor Flight and were honored with a standing "O" at Busch Stadium, complete with JumboTron coverage. Honor Flight and the JumboTron were their two favorite moments!

The Daughters of the John Sappington Chapter are very proud to recognize Gordon L. Shull. as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.

