

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Proudly Honors*



**SHERROD WILLIAM WHITE**  
UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
FIRST LIEUTENANT (O-1)  
1917 – 1919



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**PURPLE HEART PATRIOT**  
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*Honoring his service and Sacrifice*

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Sherrod William White, "Sherd" as he was known, is the son of Joel Chapman and Malissa Lee Turner White. He was born just outside of Columbia, Missouri and was the oldest son of their four children including, Chapman Major, Mildred Evalyn and Jeanette Rose.

Around 1910 Sherd moved to Iowa to take work as a store clerk to help support his family. While there he joined the Iowa National Guard in 1916, as it paid more money than a store clerk. The Iowa Guard was deployed to the Mexico border under General Pershing to help fight Pancho Villa later that same year. Pictures and post cards were found years later in Sherd's personal affects showing his time in training in Iowa, on the Mexico border and the war in France. Like all of the photos, we do not know if he took the pictures or not.

When World War I broke out the Iowa Guard was sent back to Iowa in 1917, discharged from the Guard one day and the next enlisted in the US Army. Later they were sent to the Front in France under General Pershing. White's record shows he was a good marksman and could speak a bit of French. While in France he was given a field promotion to Second Lieutenant.

During the War his unit was located in the Argonne Forest where he was wounded at the battle of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. He spent time in France while he recovered from his wounds, though he suffered from them the rest of his life. He was a

Charter Member of the American Legion which was formed during World War I. In 1919 he was promoted to First Lieutenant and sent home.

Upon returning home he spent the rest of his life supporting his family of five children as a carpenter. In 1920 he was the census taker for his own community and relatives. When Sherd died in 1942 he was given a burial attended by the men he had served with as well as members of the American Legion and the local Mason Lodge of which he was a member.

The Purple Heart was reinstated after World War II, however, World War I veterans had to apply on their own. In 2006, Mary Jo White Anderson, with the help of her husband, Steve E. Anderson, made application for this award to be given to Sherrod William White posthumously. The award was presented to Sherrod Turner White, Sherrod W. White's only son at Ft. Leonard Wood. Mary Jo White Anderson and Jeanette Rose White Goode are his granddaughters through this son. Both were in attendance for this ceremony. Sherrod Thomas White, their brother also in attendance, has the award on display in his home. It will be passed on to one of his six sons.