

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Proudly Honors*



**JOHN T. WHITE**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
SPECIALIST 5 (E-5)  
MARCH 25, 1952 – JULY 13, 1958  
WOUNDED IN ACTION



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**PURPLE HEART PATRIOT  
JULY 2025**

*Pamela White, Honoring Her Father-In-Law's Service and Sacrifice*

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John T. White enlisted in the Army at age 21 and completed basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He was then deployed overseas for combat in the Korean War. John rarely spoke about his military service.

John saw a short period of combat during the Korean War, having enlisted on March 25, 1952, through the Armistice on July 27, 1953. During this time, he received shrapnel wounds to his leg and neck while in battle. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal as a result of his injuries.

Other medals awarded to him were:

- Army Occupation Medal (Germany)
- National Defense Medal
- Motor Vehicle Mechanic Badge w/Mechanic Bar
- Sharpshooter (Rifle)

After the Korean War, John was stationed in Zweibrücken, Germany. He was in the motor pool where he was a wrecker operator and assistant truck master.

At this time, John also met the love of his life, Anni. They were married January 28, 1956. Returning shortly thereafter to the United States, John was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, until his discharge on July 13, 1958. During this time, John earned his General Educational Development (GED) and his Barber Certificate, which allowed him to be a barber on base.

After John's discharge, he and Anni were motel managers and later restaurant owners while raising their family. John also had a career as a freight hauler. After 30 years of service with Consolidated Freightways, John retired in 1998. He lived out his retirement in Harrisonville, Missouri, until his death on May 14, 2002.