

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Proudly Honors*



## WESLEY LEON MIDYETT

UNITED STATES NAVY

ENSIGN (O-1)

SEPTEMBER 26, 1942 – MARCH 26, 1945

KILLED IN ACTION

*as*

## PURPLE HEART PATRIOT

## AUGUST 2025

*Jon and Cindy Guthrie, Honoring Jon's Great Uncle's Service and Sacrifice*

*Sponsored by: Dorcus Richardson Chapter, NSDAR*



Wesley Leon Midyett was the son of Columbus and Della Midyett of rural Standberry, Missouri. He was the youngest of eight children; three sisters, Bernice, Oleta and Arlene and four brothers, Marvin, Victor, Lloyd and Chester. All five of the brothers served in World War II. Chester, the oldest, in the Foreign Service in Africa; Marvin served in the Air Force, Lloyd as Gunner Mate in the Navy, Victor a Aviation Machinist in the Navy and Wesley a Navy Pilot assigned to the USS Hancock stationed in the Pacific.

Wesley was shot, but landed his plane on the USS Hancock before he died and was buried at sea.

Dean Midyett, the oldest nephew of Wesley, who is now also deceased told his family members that he remembers the day the officials from the Navy came to notify his grandparents of Wesley's death. He and his grandfather, Columbus, were working in the cattle feed lot. They went to the door with his grandmother Della. Upon learning the news Della withdrew to her bedroom and did not appear in public for at least five days.

These five brothers, who are now serving their country, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Midyett, Standberry, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Midyett are farmers and have two daughters, Miss Arlene Midyett of the home and Mrs. Olentha Dodds, Anderson, Mo. Wesley, who entered the naval air corps Jan. 6, is an aviation cadet and is in training at Athens, Ga. Marvin was the last of the brothers to enter service, being inducted last month, and has not been assigned a training camp. Victor is an aviation machinist in the navy and is somewhere in the Pacific area. Lloyd is a gunner's mate and is attending a naval school in Washington, D. C. Corp. Chester Midyett, who is in foreign service somewhere in North Africa, entered the service in May, 1942.

Five Stanberry Brothers Are in Armed Services



Wesley Midyett

Marvin Midyett

Victor Midyett

Lloyd Midyett

Chester Midyett



*The American Legion Gold Star Citation*

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June 21, 1945

By virtue of an act of the national executive committee of The American Legion, approved May 1, 1942, this gold star citation, emblem of devotion to the highest duty of citizenship, is awarded in the name of The American Legion, to the next of surviving kin of

*Ensign Wesley L. Midyett*

who died while a member of the armed forces of the United States of America in the war period beginning December 7, 1941.

This death occurred in order that others might live.



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