

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly “Spotlights” our November 2011
Patriot of the Month



Donald N. Andrews

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**Armstrong Chapter
Armstrong, Missouri**



Donald Andrews graduated in 1942 from Meyers High School, Howard County, Missouri. He then attended Central College in Fayette, Missouri.

Donald was inducted into the Army on October 12, 1943 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri and received Field Artillery Basic Training. He was sent to the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of Operations, being assigned to Company C 763rd Tank Battalion. He became a Tank Commander and was responsible for the coordination and tactical employment of a Sherman Tank and crew, consisting of five men. During the period he was Tank Commander there was not one casualty or mishap under combat conditions. Donald was involved in the liberation of the Southern Philippines and the Battle of Ryukyus.

Donald was discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri on February 23, 1946, as a Sergeant.

Donald's awards, medals, and citations include:

- Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon w/2 Bronze Stars
- 3 Overseas Bars
- Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/2 Bronze Stars
- Victory Ribbon
- Good Conduct Medal

After he returned home, Donald married Mary Bonuchi on May 19, 1946 and became a life long farmer. They have four daughters and two sons, eleven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Donald is a member of New Hope Christian Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

One of Donald's daughters remembers seeing a prayer flag her father had that belonged to a Japanese soldier with Japanese writing on the flag. The family has always wished the writing could be interpreted.