



**Missouri State Society
Daughters of the American
Revolution**

PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

Archie M. Gatrost (Maj., USAF, Ret.)

Archie Gatrost is a true officer and gentleman in every sense of the word. At age 96, he maintains his own home, attends church regularly, is a member of the YMCA, and remains active by working out on his gym set, walking, or swimming daily. He has been a widower for over 20 years, and never considered remarrying, as Mildred was the love of his life. Archie and Mildred had four children, all of whom are professionals and truly lovely people.

Archie's exemplary character and outstanding military record make him an ideal candidate for recognition as the Missouri Daughters of the American Revolution's Patriot of the Month.

I have submitted two examples of Archie's leadership while stationed in New Guinea during World War II, both of which contributed greatly toward the overall health and morale of hundreds of US Troops stationed in the South Pacific at that time.

Mr. Gatrost was awarded the Legion of Merit; World War II Victory Medal; American Defense Service Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two stars; and the Longevity Service Award with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster.

It is my honor and privilege to recognize Archie for his outstanding contributions to the service of our country, and I sincerely believe the world is truly a better place because he is in it. Archie resides in Independence, Missouri, with his puppy dog, "Sparky."

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