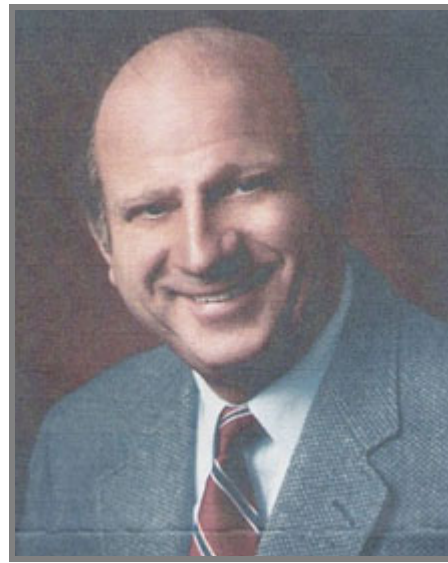




**Missouri State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution**

Jack E. Harding--Patriot of the Month, July 17, 2006



Jack Harding was drafted one month after graduation from high school in June 1944. He served with the Army's 317th Infantry from August 1944 to July 1946. His places of service included the United Kingdom, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. While on active duty in Germany, Jack was wounded, as a result of enemy action, by a fragment from an artillery shell. After surgery and recovery, he performed other duties in the Army of Occupation until his honorable discharge. His honors/citations include the Good Conduct Medal and The Purple Heart.

After discharge from the Army, Jack attended the University of Cincinnati and graduated with honors with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He later completed a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. Jack worked for Shell Oil Company for 36 years, retiring in 1988 as a Staff Engineer. He always appreciated the challenge of his profession and was highly respected by his associates.

Jack has been married to Barbara for 26 years. They each have four children from previous marriages. They have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They are active members of Bonhomme Presbyterian Church in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Jack celebrated his 80th birthday this year. He continues to be an active part of the community.

Jack's wife, Barbara, a member of the Mary Hempstead Lisa Chapter, proudly nominated him for Patriot of the Month.

