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PATRIOT OF THE MONTH



Edward M. Ireland

Edward M. Ireland, of Kansas City, Missouri, served our country for 20 years. During World War II, from 1942-1945, as T/Sgt. in the Army Air Corp, he served as the flight engineer/bombardier on a B-17. His crew completed more than 30 missions over Germany and France. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross in June, 1944.

During the Korean War, from 1950-1952, he was stationed at Parham, Framlingham, England, with the 568th Squadron of the 390th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force.

Edward continued to serve another 15 years in the Army Air Corp and Air Force Reserves as an instructor at Roswell Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Besides the Distinguished Flying Cross, he received the following awards and citations:

- Good Conduct Medal
- 5 Air Medals
- European Theater of Operations with 3 Bronze Stars
- WWII Victory Medal
- Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster
- French D-Day Medal
- Korean War Participation Medal
- Reserve Service Medal-USAF
- State of Missouri Service Medal



Edward owns his own bindery business and enjoys woodworking. He has been married for over 60 years and has three daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

Karen Hamilton and the members of the Blue Springs Chapter, NSDAR, are proud to nominate Edward M. Ireland for the Patriot of the Month.



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