



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

**Patriot of the Month; June 2009
Arnold Herman Tuley**



The Missouri State Society NSDAR is pleased to honor Arnold Herman Tuley of Cairo, Missouri, as a Patriot of the Month for June of 2009.

Arnold graduated from Macon High School in 1937, and married Vena Mae Hill in 1939. Even though he had three young children in the home, he enlisted in the US Navy in June 1944.

Arnold had basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He served as a Ship's Serviceman L, Third Class and saw duty on the U.S.S. Karnes as a laundryman.

The U.S.S. Karnes participated in the Okinawa Operation and was subjected to seventy-two separate air attacks from May 3rd to May 8th, 1945. The ship made a trip to the Philippine Islands to pick up more occupation troops and participated in the occupation of Sasebo, Japan; the third largest Japanese naval base. While the ship was returning to the United States, on November 11, 1945, the crew spotted and sank three floating Japanese mines. Arnold was discharged November 20, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri.

Arnold is a life-long resident of Randolph County. Throughout the years, he has worked as a farmer, at McGraw-Edison Company, Cairo Equipment Company, operated the Dorsey Café, was a guard at the Moberly Department of Corrections and owned a grass mowing business.

Vena, his wife of fifty-seven years, died in 1996 and he married Mildred in 1997. Mildred passed away in 2004. Arnold and Vena had three daughters and two sons. Arnold has seventeen grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter sponsored Arnold Herman Tuley as a Patriot of the Month and thank him for his service to our country.