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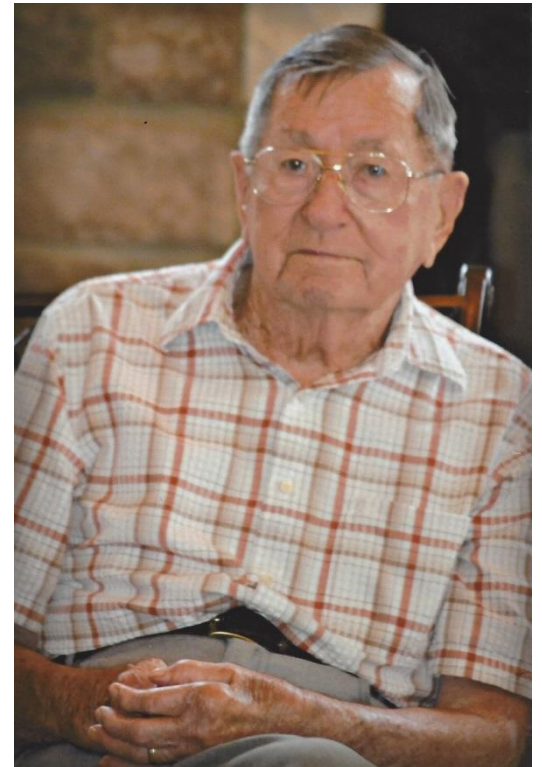
Patriot of the Month
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Ray Dotson United States Navy

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Ray entered the United States Navy in July, 1944 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He served on the destroyer *USS Clemson (DD-186)* during World War II. He fired the boilers on the ship. He sailed all over the South Pacific islands, several other islands, including Peleliu, Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa. They invaded the islands and saw a great deal of carnage. At the end of the war, his ship became a transport bringing troops back to the states.



Ray's medals and citations include: World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Honorable Service Lapel Pin (Ruptured Duck), Philippine Liberation Medal.

When Ray returned home, he farmed for a while and worked at a paint company, an implement company, and McDonnell-Douglas. However, his main career was in carpentry.

Ray and his wife celebrated 70 years of marriage. They have four children, 15 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. He is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Ray is a faithful churchman who loves the Lord. He has lent a helping hand to many family members, neighbors and friends through the years. He is a gentle man who loves "God, Home, and Country."

Troy Daughters are proud to honor Ray Dotson as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism, dedication, and service to our great nation.