

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month  
May 2017



**Walter Allen  
Glenn**

**United States Navy**



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Walter Allen Glenn entered the United States Navy in May 1945 to serve during World War II. He was stationed at San Diego, California for boot camp. He then transferred to the *USS Zaniah (AG-70)* and then boarded the *USS Belle Isle (AG-73)* in Okinawa. On the *Belle Isle* they decommissioned the weapons from the Landing Ship Tanks and turned them over to Japanese naval personnel to transport Japanese troops from various areas of the Pacific. He was then transferred to the *USS Herbert J. Thomas (DD-833)* in occupied Japan. His duties were serving as a deck hand on the *Zaniah* and *Belle Isle*. On the *Herbert J. Thomas*, he worked in the radio shack where he accepted and delivered messages to officers aboard the ship. He was discharged in the summer of 1946 in Oklahoma.

In the fall of 1950 at the San Francisco Naval Base, Walter reentered active service, serving on a mine sweeper, the *USS Dextrous (AM-341)*. He was shipped to Pearl Harbor to train and then on ship to Sasebo, Japan, and then along the Korean border near Wansaw. He was a quartermaster and a helmsman. Walter said he enjoyed steering the ship. He was honorably discharged in the summer of 1951 in Oklahoma.

Walter's most memorable event was on July 4, 1946, when their ship was tied to the dock at Nagasaki, Japan in celebration of the holiday. Being docked there was very safe due to the mountain range surrounding it. Walter received the Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal and the Navy Occupation Medal.

After Walter's discharge, he returned to work as an accountant. His civilian career was at a petroleum company headquarters in Oklahoma. During those years, he worked in the advertising/sales promotion department managing accounts in South America. After he retired, he went on to work part time in sales of men's suits, eventually retiring again.

He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and serves as a member of the Color Guard and chapter historian. He belonged to his local Lions Club for many years as well as the local high school band boosters. He was also a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Walter feels it was his duty to serve. He is very knowledgeable about both World War II and the Korean War, including the activities of the military, both in the upper and lower ranks as well as the politics of the time. He has been an honored speaker at multiple Girl Scout patriotism events and badge workshops. Walter is an amazing gardener and is very knowledgeable about ornamental plants, trees, flowers and vegetables.

Little Blue River Daughters are proud to honor Walter Allen Glenn as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism, and service to our great nation.