



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Gust E. Ekstrom

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Gust E. Ekstrom was born in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from O'Fallon High School in 1963. After graduation he worked for Union Electric for three years before enlisting in the United States Army in 1966. He did his Basic Training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Advanced Infantry Training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. He was deployed to various duty stations in Germany with the 39th Mechanized Infantry from July 1966 to April 1967. He received extensive training in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration in 1968. Gust served a tour in Viet Nam with the MOS from May 1968 to May 1969. He also attended Chemical, Biological, Nuclear Warfare School to become Co CBR NCO. His

MOS changed to Supply during his second tour of Viet Nam from 1969 to 1970 where he also served as Base Defense NCO. Gust's last assignment was as Supply Sergeant at Ft. Jackson, SC until his honorable discharge in June 1971.

Gust and his wife Cheryl have two children and five grandchildren. Gust became a skilled door repair and installation serviceman and eventually founded his own commercial door company. Health issues forced him into semi-retirement and he returned to consulting in the business.

Gust is a member of IBEW, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and First Baptist Church where he also teaches an adult Bible study. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and loves to tinker with anything containing a motor.

The members of the Caroline Close Stuart Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Gust E. Ekstrom as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.