

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Donald J. Woods

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Donald Woods graduated in 1955 from Central High School in St. Louis and was drafted into the Army in 1961. Donald took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and AIT at Fort Riley, Kansas. He became a machine gunner in the 13th Infantry, 1st Division. Donald volunteered for Vietnam, but there were no vacancies with his MOS, so his offer was declined.

While stationed at Fort Riley, he married Millie Elledge of Hannibal, Missouri, on July 3, 1962. He met her while she was working as an RN at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis. Today they have three children, all living in Missouri.

Donald was discharged in January 1963 as a Specialist 4th Class and left Fort Riley by train to return home to St. Louis. He received a sharpshooter badge while in the military.

Donald worked for twenty years in retail management. He received a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and in 1993 his Doctorate in Theology from Andersonville Baptist College Seminary. Donald began service as a full-time pastor in 1985. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Moberly.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend our GRATITUDE and THANKS to Donald J. Woods for his service to our great country.