

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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Ric Shutts

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Ric Shutts joined the United States Marine Corps in July 1962, and served as a Voice Radio Operator, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines Unit in Hawaii for two years following his basic training, and 29 Palms, California Artillery 155 Howitzers, for thirteen months, before being deployed to the Republic of Vietnam for nine months, where he served as a Forward Observer radio operator, calling into battery position of the enemy.

During his four years of active military duty, Ric earned the following awards:

USMC Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Medal; Vietnam Service-2 Bronze Stars; Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 date bar; Presidential Unit Citation; Vietnam Gallantry Cross; Vietnam Civil Action award; Cold War Victory Medal; Expert Rifle (2nd Award); and Pistol Sharpshooter.

Following his honorable discharge (SGT E-5) from the United States Marine Corps in October 1966, Ric found his niche in sales and worked with several companies before accepting a position as corporate sales representative for Tension Envelope in Kansas City, where he was employed from 1971 until his retirement in 2009.

Ric is actively involved with several veterans organizations, and currently serves as the Chairman of the Board for the Kansas City VA Focus Group, where he and his six-member committee assist veterans in obtaining the physical or mental help needed to transition back into society. The committee has an open door policy with the Director of the VA, and meet on a regular basis to address special problems and concerns. Ric is a member of the American Legion, the VFW, and the Vietnam Veterans of America, where he previously served on the board of directors.

Ric is married to Marcia Shutts and has three children and four grandchildren.

The members of the Blue Springs Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution proudly nominate Ric Shutts as Patriot of the Month and express their sincere gratitude for his service to our great nation.