

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Donald Dunlap

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Gilead Rupe Chapter



Donald Dunlop of Odessa, Missouri, enlisted in the National Guard in 1963 and then joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966. While a Marine, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam as well as two tours of duty in Okinawa, Japan. He served in Charlie Company, 7th Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He received an honorable discharge in 1984 due to injuries received while in Okinawa.

Don received the following medals, citations and awards: The Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Marine Corps Drill Instructor ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Marine Corp Technical ribbon, and Expert Marksmanship medals in rifle and pistol.

After leaving the military, Don joined the VFW and became Commander of Post 5675 for four years. He currently is the 1st Vice Commander of American Legion Post 286. Through both of these organizations, Don continues to serve veterans and express his patriotism. He participates in activities to benefit the veterans at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, Missouri.

At the Lafayette County Veterans Dinner held on November 6, 2014, he received a special certificate of recognition for his service in Vietnam as well as the 50th Anniversary Commemorative flag and Presidential proclamation.

The Daughters of the Gilead Rupe Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Donald Dunlap as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.