

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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*Richard Dale Davis*

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Richard Dale Davis joined the U.S. Army and entered basic training on February 1966 in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His service jobs and duty locations include: Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Maryland, from May to September 1966, for intelligence specialist training; Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, November 1966 to April 1967, graduated 2LT infantry platoon leader; Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Maryland, May to June 1967, intelligence officer training; Eighth United States Army, 502 MI Battalion, Seoul, Korea, July 1967 to August 1968, assigned to G2 headquarters, Seoul; Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Maryland, September 1968 to June 1969, intelligence class instructor.

Richard received the following medals for his service: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Army Commendation Medal (Korea), and National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army on March 31, 1972.

LT Davis served in Korea when the US Pueblo Intelligence ship was captured by the North Koreans in January 1968. Simultaneously, a thirty-one man North Korean commando team infiltrated the DMZ and entered Seoul. Their mission was to kill South Korean President Park Chung Hee. They were intercepted near his compound and either were killed or captured before reaching the president's residence. The United States and North Korea prepared for military action during this tense time. That same year, a peaceful settlement was reached freeing the Pueblo captain and crew.

Using intelligence gained from the captured North Korean infiltrators, he served as Project Officer for the production of the first combined Republic of Korea and United State Intelligence Annual Counterintelligence Estimate. This estimate was widely disseminated throughout the Republic of Korea and the United States intelligence communities.

Richard received an MBA Degree from James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, in 1977. He is a member of the Ruritan Club-New Hope VA, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, American Legion Post 0013, Staunton Elks USA, and is an Augusta Health Hospice volunteer. He married Nancy in November 1969, and they have one daughter, Jane, and three grandchildren.

The Daughters of the Louisiana Purchase Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Richard Dale Davis as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.