

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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Larry Schermerhorn United States Army Missouri Army National Guard

Larry Schermerhorn was drafted into the United States Army on April 11, 1968. He attended basic training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was trained as a Combat Engineer building bridges. He attended Jungle Training in preparation for Vietnam. He received a 30 day leave before reporting to Fort Ord, California for deployment to Vietnam. When arriving in Vietnam, Larry was sent to the Blackhorse Base Camp that housed the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was stationed with the 919th Engineer Battalion which was attached to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. During his tour in Vietnam, Larry drove an Armored Personnel Carrier as they were traveling with the infantry through the Michelin Rubber Plantation, the Iron Triangle, and north toward the Cambodian border. At the end of his tour of duty in Vietnam, Larry went home for 30 days. He was then ordered to Fort Hood, Texas for six months, stationed with the 2nd Armored Division. On April 10, 1970, he was discharged with the rank of Specialist 4. He was placed in the inactive reserve for four years.

In 1974, Larry enlisted in the 1175th Military Police Company of the Missouri Army National Guard and spent 22 years with the National Guard. He served with the 1175th in various cities in Missouri. While with the National Guard, Larry traveled to many places within the United States and various other countries, some of which were Honduras, three tours to Panama, Belgium, the Netherland and Germany. In 1978, he served on

state emergency duty in Kansas City and in 1993; he served in St. Louis for flood duty. He retired from the National Guard with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Larry's awards include:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Expert Rifle Badge
- Sharpshooter Rifle Badge
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Humanitarian Service Ribbon
- Army Commendation Ribbon
- Missouri Commendation Ribbon.

Larry and his wife Cheri Brazeal have a daughter, two grandsons, and one granddaughter.

Larry is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and attends his local Baptist Church. He currently works for his city.

Armstrong Daughters are proud to recognize Larry Schermerhorn as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and dedication to our great nation.