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Patriot of the Month
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Reuben H. Siverling
United States Army

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Reuben Siverling joined the United States Army in 1956 and careered as an Officer with 25 years active duty in ten countries, two combat tours in Vietnam and 14 years as a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Senior Army Instructor for a total of 39 years military service.

As Group Training Officer for the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Germany, he was the Officer-in-Charge for Desert Navigation and Desert Survival training in Libya, Amphibious Training in Italy, Cross Country Ski Training in Norway, Counterinsurgency Communication Training in Denmark and Captain of the Trojan Parachute Club High Altitude-Low Opening (HALO) performing HALO training and air shows in Spain, England, and Germany. Stateside assignments include Deputy Finance and Accounting Officer, First Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Department of the United States Army Recruiting Command Staff Finance Officer, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and holds a Master's Degree in Comptrollership and Business Administration from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Reuben was awarded 17 Air Medals for flying more than 425 Huey Combat Helicopter missions in Vietnam in 1963 and 1964. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with "V" for valor for walking unarmed through treacherous mountain terrain amidst enemy forces of the North Vietnam Army to retrieve remains of two downed American pilots. In 1968, returning to Vietnam, commanded the Fourth Infantry Division's Company E58th Infantry Long Range patrol (LRP), and as the first commander of Company K 75th Infantry (Airborne) Ranger, 4th Infantry Division, was awarded the coveted Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat, the Meritorious Service Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Army Aircraft Crewmember Wings and a host of foreign country Service Medals.

Reuben's civilian career as a Small Business Advocate has been recognized by numerous organizations locally in the Greater Kansas City area, and the United States Small Business Administration as well as at the United States Senate and House of Representatives. The Clay County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) has awarded him the much coveted "Look North Award"; in 2015 CCEDC also presented him with the Northland Business Visionary Award for his professional assistance in starting and/or expanding more than 1600 small businesses throughout the four-state Region of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa.

Reuben is a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of the American Legion, and the Patriotic Guard Riders. He married Bonita and they have a blended family of five daughters and one son.

Alexander Doniphan Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Reuben Siverling as patriot of the Month for his patriotism and dedication to our great nation.