## Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

**July 2017** 



## David H. Talken

**United States Navy** 

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David "Dave" H. Talken enlisted in the United States Navy in St. Louis, Missouri in July, 1967. He completed the naval training courses for fireman, basic military requirements; military requirements for Petty Officer 3&2 naval training course for Seaman; and naval training course for Yeoman 3&2.



Dave spent just over two and one half years at sea during his active duty. He was released from active duty in 1971 and transferred to the Naval Reserve at Naval Air Station Chase Field, Beeville, Texas. His medals include: Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service, and Vietnam Campaign.

After his discharge, Dave returned home where he began his career working for a Farm and Home business. He has worked in several of the Farm and Home retail stores, retiring as manager. He continues working there on a part time basis.

Dave is a member of St. Joseph's Cathedral. He serves on the catholic Committee on Scouting and is a member of the Eagle Scout Review Board. Dave is the Advancement Chair for Catholic Committee on scouting. He has served as Scoutmaster for his local troop. He has led scouts on seven trips to High Adventure Camp at Philmont Reservation in New Mexico.

Dave has been a volunteer with Central Missouri Honor Flight (CMHF) since 2010. He has served as a guardian for veterans on 26 of the 44 flights to Washington DC. In addition to serving as guardian, Dave ensures each CMHF bus has all the bottled water needed for the trip. He calls veterans and signs them up for the flights along with doing whatever job needs to be done as he is committed to seeing that his fellow veterans have the best trip possible.

Charity Stille Langstaff Daughters are proud to honor and recognize David H. Talken as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism, dedication, and service to our great nation.