

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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## Ed Casteel

### United States Navy

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Ed enlisted in the United States Navy in June, 1961. He went to boot camp in San Diego, California. He attended Aviation Electrician School at Naval Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Florida.

He then transferred to Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, California and was assigned to Airborne Early Warning Squadron Eleven, VAW-11-A. These were detachments stationed on aircraft carriers when deployed on Pacific Ocean cruises. Ed was in aircraft maintenance and worked on the flight deck during flight operations. He made two West Pacific Cruises, the first one on the *USS Ranger (CVA-61)*.

The second cruise was on the *USS Ticonderoga (CVA-14)* in 1962 where Ed worked flight operations over Vietnam off the coast in the South China Sea. His Vietnam experience was working on the flight deck of the *Ticonderoga* during operations against the Vietnamese.

Ed was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

After Ed's service, he returned to Arkansas where he worked for the telephone company for two years. Moving to Dallas, Texas, he worked for American Airlines where he met and married Melvina. Later he went to work for the Police Department where he retired after 25 years of service.

Ed and Melvina are very active in their local Baptist Church. They give of themselves physically and financially. Ed is a deacon, trustee, and volunteer bus driver, who has a tremendous rapport with

the children who ride his church bus. He and Melvina are members of the bell choir and deeply involved in missions, assisting with mission trips and local missions.

Henry County Daughters are very proud of Ed Casteel and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.