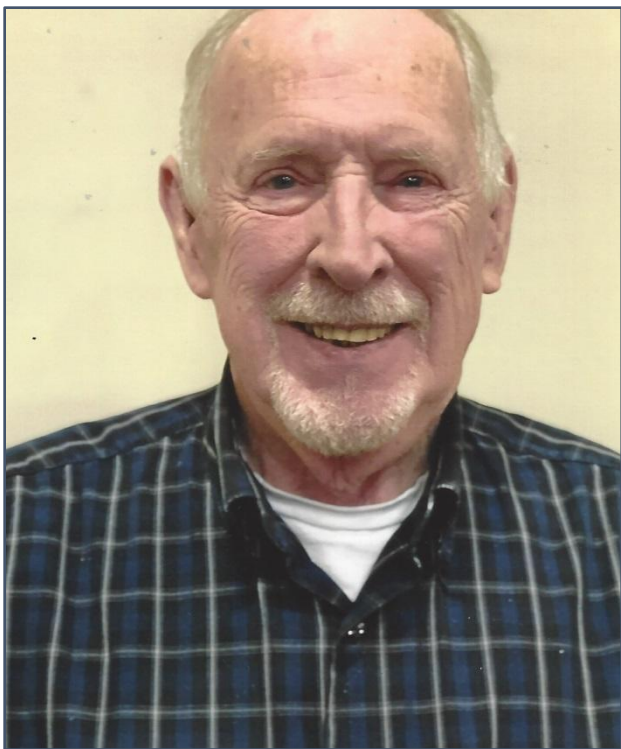


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Patriot of the Month



March 2018



Kendall Fitzpatrick

United States Navy

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Kendall joined the United States Navy in January, 1953, and went to boot camp in San Diego, California. He attended Hospital Corps School in Bainbridge, Maryland. He was later assigned to the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland.

In February, 1956, aboard the *USS Rehoboth (AGS-50)*, Kendall was transferred to the Pacific. Transiting to the Panama Canal in late February, the ship was diverted to an area northwest of the Galapagos Islands to search for the stranded crewmen of the raft, *La Cantuta*, which they found after four days. By using radio signals from Peru the ship was able to triangulate the position of the raft and rescue the crew. Life Magazine wrote up the account in their April 16, 1956, edition, titled, "Odyssey of a Draft Raft: Landlubbers trying to outdo "Kon Tiki" take a long Pacific voyage to nowhere." Kendall said this was a very unusual assignment.

Kendall was awarded the Captains Commendation and a Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged in January, 1957, in California.

In civilian life, he was a life and health insurance underwriter, retiring as Vice President of Underwriting. He was Chairman of his local delegation of the Silver Haired Legislature. He is active in his church and he is involved as a Missouri State Health Insurance Program Counselor assisting people with Medicare questions.

White Aloe Daughters are proud to recognize Kendall Fitzpatrick as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his dedicated patriotism and service to our great nation.