

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

December 2018



Ben Kinel

United States Marine Corps

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Ben entered the United States Marine Corps in 1951. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA as a public information officer.

One favorite memory was when a highly decorated Marine, Lieutenant General Lewis 'Chesty' Puller, was brought stateside to form the 3rd Marine Division. Because the firing range at Camp Pendleton was too short to fire the 'big guns' the 3rd Marine Division was flown to the U.S. Army base in Northern California. LtGen Puller was in the officer's mess when he asked where 'his boys' were. When told they were with the enlisted men he insisted they join him. Ben never forgot that experience.

In civilian life, Ben had a 32 year career in the newspaper business doing everything from photography, writing stories and press releases to becoming a general manager and publisher of several newspapers in Florida. He and his wife, Jerri, have four children. He is a Master Gardner creating the Veterans Memorial Garden in Branson where he still volunteers.

Taneycomo Daughters are very proud and honored to recognize Ben Kinel as Patriot of the Month for his very dedicated service and patriotism to our great nation.