

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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Gerald D. "Jerry" Kraus

United States Army

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Gerald D. Kraus was drafted into the Army on June 21, 1972. After Basic Training Jerry received orders for training in the MOS – Special Electrical and Electronic Devices. He graduated 3rd in his class and was promoted to PFC. After completing advanced training, he graduated as a Senior Electrical and Electronic Device Specialist.

Jerry was stationed at Army Night Vision Laboratory, Fort Belvoir, VA. His assignments included: testing a new night vision system designed to be used in aircraft to identify ground troops and vehicles, testing of second-generation starlight scopes, and testing of new thermal imaging devices under various ambient light and atmospheric transmission conditions. Jerry's most memorable assignment was working with Dr. Mishri Vatsia conducting reflectance tests comparing an Army M60 tank to a Russian battle tank and armored personnel carrier. The results were used to produce a camouflage color and texture that would make our equipment less presentable to the enemy.

Jerry was honorably discharged on June 20, 1974. He received the National Defense Medal, and various awards and certificates for advanced education in his field of service.

In civilian life, Jerry worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 31 years, retiring as Chief Technical Engineer. Jerry attends Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. He is the past president of the IC School Board and past member of the IC Parish Council. Memberships include: International Association of Chemical Testing, Knights of Columbus, NRA, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Jerry has been president of their homeowner's association for 10 years.

Jerry has been married to his wife, Joyce, for 49 years. They have raised four children and have been blessed with 10 grandchildren.

Jane Randolph Jefferson Daughters are very proud of Gerald D. Kraus and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.

