

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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Jim Tanner

United States Army

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Jim was in school finishing his master's degree at the time he was drafted in February 1957. After he appealed, he was allowed to finish his master's degree.

Jim then found out that if you volunteered in 1957-1958 timeframe, you could choose to go in for only six months active and twelve years Army Reserve, so that is what he chose to do. Jim then attended basic training in Fort Chaffee, Arkansas in 1957 and advanced individual training for six months.

Jim was part of the 45th Division at Norman Oklahoma that was made famous WWII by cartoonist for the Army Newspaper, Bill Mauldin's GI Joe cartoon. The 45th Division went from south to north up the spine of Italy.

His captain in basic training and later his captain in the 45th Division both recommended that he apply for a direct commission. He applied in October 1958 and received his direct commission as a first lieutenant on April 15, 1959. His reserve training for the next five years was completing the Adjutant General Career Course through Army Reserve School in Oklahoma City.

Jim also finished the Adjunct General Career course for officers in 1964 and finished his PhD degree the same year. Jim was then promoted to the rank of Captain. In September 1964, he became a Mobilization Designee. His orders were sent on a card which he carried in his billfold. In case of complete mobilization, he would have gone immediately to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, where he would have become a member of the faculty for the Adjutant General School.

During the last five years of Reserve, Jim attended two weeks of summer camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. Jim was awarded a Good Conduct medal and was Honorably discharged in 1969.

Jim belongs to Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Rotary Club and Second Baptist Church. For many years, Jim served as chapter treasurer of the William C Corum Chapter SAR. He was listed in Who's Who in America from 1987 through 2018 and was awarded for 30 years in Who's Who.

Alexander Doniphan Daughters are proud of Captain Jim Tanner and are honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.