

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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John W. Rehm

United States Navy



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John Rehm enlisted in the United States Navy Reserves in June 1975 and called to duty in November 1975, receiving his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He was assigned to further training at Philadelphia, PA, and then sent to San Diego, CA. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, HI, on the USS *Downs*, USS *Samuel Gompers*, USS *Jason*, and retired from the Trident Refit Facility/Subbase in Banger, WA in 1996.



In his 20 years of service John was awarded 2 Navy "E" Ribbons, 2 Navy Expeditionary Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal W/2 Bronze Stars, 2 Humanitarian Service Medals and Fourth Good Conduct Award Ending 1 January 1996.

John said the Navy was a "family thing" with his dad and several uncles and cousins being in the U.S. Navy. The best advice he received was from his father when he told John, "If the bulkhead becomes the deck, walk on the deck." John enjoyed his time at sea visiting Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, and the Republic of Seychelles off the coast of East Africa. In port was a unit from the USSR Navy. We were anchored close enough to observe their personnel, and while on shore we were to stay clear of their personnel.

In 1984 John married Teresa Taylor from LaPlata, re-enlisted in the Navy and praises Teresa for following him to the west coast for the next twelve years taking care of their 3 children. Upon retirement from the Navy in 1996 the Rehms moved back to Missouri and John worked at the Wolverine shoe factory and later, Wire Rope in Kirksville. He then worked at Economy Products and Granuband tire recycling center in Macon. John is currently employed by Millennial Properties 360 in general maintenance of their commercial and residential properties. In addition to enjoying his four grandchildren, John is active in the Kirksville Masonic Lodge #105, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #184 and Faith United Methodist Church.

Ann Haynes Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize John W. Rehm as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and dedicated service to our great nation.