



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month, October 2006 Larry Jay Vestal

Larry Vestal graduated from Licking High School in 1967 and entered the U.S. Army in 1968. Over the course of the next 24 years, Larry served in Vietnam, Korea, and Germany, as well as at many stateside posts. During his career, he was attached to the 1st Armored Division, the 2nd Infantry Division, the 3rd Armored Division, and the 7th Infantry Division. His jobs included field artillery and career counseling.

During his career, he received many honors/citations, including:

- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- Non-commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon
- Good Conduct Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Rifle M16 Qualification Badge
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal

He made Staff Sergeant in 1974. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding performance of duty while serving as a career counselor with the 1st Armored Division.

After retiring from the military, Larry taught computers at Central Texas College for nine years. He is currently working a civil service job with the U.S. Air Force at Scott Air Force Base.

Larry is a life member of the V.F.W. He loves Cardinal baseball, fishing, boating, working on computers, and building them. Larry and his wife, Sue, have one son. They will open a restaurant soon in Licking, MO.

Larry was nominated for Patriot of the Month by his sister, Linda M. Vestal Mondy, of the Noah Coleman Chapter. She noted that Larry is related to several members of that chapter including: Faye Jones, Reta Jenkins, Debbie and Tiffany Arthur, Connie and Karrie Patriquin, Janie Echols, Callie Henderson, and Billie Kiger. Larry and all these members of Noah Coleman Chapter are direct descendants of John Hart of New Jersey, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.