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Patriot of the Month



Rex Carter

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Dr. Rex Carter was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, where, after high school, he studied Pre-Med at Bradley University. He then attended Kirksville College of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Missouri, graduating in 1966.

Following his internship in St. Louis in 1967, Rex was drafted into the United States Navy Medical Corps and commissioned a Lieutenant. The significance of this is that he was in the first group of Osteopathic Physicians to be drafted into the Medical Corps. These physicians were honored in 2007 by the American Osteopathic Association, the 30th anniversary of the event.

Rex served two years at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Virginia. Part of that time was spent working in Military Sick Call and the Dependents' Clinic. The rest of the time was spent at the Counter Insurgency School on the base where Navy and Marine personnel were trained in the event that they were captured by the enemy in Vietnam. He was discharged from the Naval Reserves as a Lieutenant Commander.

Rex and his wife Ann, a member of the Susanna Randolph Chapter, have been married 45 years. Rex was a "country" doctor in Vandalia for almost

40 years; his practice was cut short by a spinal cord injury in 2007. They have raised three children, and they now enjoy their eight grandchildren.