

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Proudly "Spotlights" our April 2012  
Patriot of the Month



**Charles Guthrie**

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Marshall, Missouri



Charles Guthrie joined the United States Navy in 1973. He served on the *USS Little Rock (CLG-4)*, flagship of the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet, Gaeta, Italy from 1973-1975. He was selected as Sailor of the Month while on the *USS Little Rock*.

In 1975 Charles joined the Naval Reserves and remained until he retired in 1996 as a First Class Petty Officer. While in the Reserves, he served on the following ships: *USS Little Rock (CLG-4)*, *USS Power (DD-839)*, *USS Hollister (DD-788)*, *USS Samuel Gompers (AD-37)*, *USS Bryce Canyon (AD-36)*, *USS Seattle (AOE-3)*, *USS Bristol County (LST-1198)*, *USS Racine (LST-1191)*, *USS Peoria (LST-1183)*, *USS Hepburn (FF-1055)*, *USS Missouri (BB-63)*, *USS George Phillip (FFG-12)*, *USS Hewes (FF-1078)*, and the *USS Enterprise (CVN-65)*. He also had sixteen different duty assignments while in the Reserves.

Charles' awards, medals and ribbons include:

- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/1 gold star

- Navy “E” Ribbon
- Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal w/3 bronze stars
- National Defense Medal w/1 bronze star
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
- Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/hourglass

Charles supports many veteran organizations in his area. He has hosted programs for the Missouri State Veterans recognition for World War II, Korea, and Vietnam veterans. He volunteers his time with the Support Our Troop Rallies, 9/11 programs, Welcome Home to the Troops, Operation Private Santa for the collection of items to send to the troops at Christmas, and lap robe drives for veterans at the local Veteran Administration Hospital. Charles served on the Commissioning Committee for the State of Missouri for the new submarine *USS Missouri (SSN780)*. He is working with his local newspaper on veteran interviews as a part of the state program “Missouri Veteran Stories”. Charles serves on the Board of Directors for the Show Me Honor Flight.

Charles and his wife Brenda have two children and are grandparents to three grandchildren. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He has served as Chaplain, Finance Officer, Service Officer, and Adjutant of his local American Legion. He is a member of Voiture 333 40&8 serving as Assistant Chaplain.