



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Robert Schmid

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Robert Schmid was raised in Salisbury, Missouri, and enlisted in the United States Army in June 1955. He completed his basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. His initial military assignment was to Korea in November 1955. He arrived in Inchon, South Korea, aboard the General H. B. Freeman Troopship in December, 1955. He was assigned to the 74th Engineer Heavy Equipment Company as served as a construction draftsman and then promoted to operations coordinator. Their main duty was to provide support for other engineer units in central Korea under the control of the 2nd Engineer Group, 8th Army. Robert finished his tour in Korea in 1957 and rotated back to Continental U.S. and was discharged from the Army. Unable to find employment he reenlisted and was sent back to Korea for a second tour.

During Robert's second tour he was assigned to the 37th Engineer Company, Post Engineers, where he worked in operations and training performing administrative duties. He was reassigned to the 809th Engineer Battalion in Guam but due to his position no longer being required he again went back to Korea to complete his tour. Next Robert received orders to Fort Carson, Colorado where he stayed for three years doing administrative duties.

Robert received orders to the 9th Logistical Command on Okinawa but upon arrival was given choice of relocating with the unit in Thailand for an 18 month tour or be assigned to Viet Nam for a shorter 12 month tour. Robert chose the shorter where he was assigned to the US Army Support Group just outside Saigon. While there he was sent in search of the old French airfields and to measure them and determine if they were suitable for the location of both fixed and rotary winged aviation units. He visited Bien Hoa, Vung Tau, Nha Trang, Qui Nang, Da Nag, and others. In the engineering office he had to help develop plans for the building and placement of tent cities to house and support the incoming forces. During this time Robert was the senior construction draftsman and also served as construction foreman. Upon completion of his tour in Viet Nam Robert was reassigned to CONUS for duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, at the Command and General Staff College for senior officers. During this assignment Robert received two promotions, the first to Staff Sergeant and the second to Sergeant First Class.

Over the coming years Robert was assigned to the U. S. Army Element, Headquarters USSTRICOM at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, to the U. S. Army Europe (USAREUR) in Heidelberg, Germany where he was promoted to Master Sergeant. Next he went to Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe in Casteau, Belgium where he was part of an inspection team that visited all of the military NATO units and reviewed their classified document control procedures. While in this position Robert visited NATO units in England, Norway, Belgium, Germany, and Italy. Robert was in Belgium for 42 months.

Robert's next duty was in Ohio where he was promoted to Sergeant Major and served as the Detachment SGM at the Army ROTC unit at Ohio State University. Robert decided to retire after 24 years of very active service. Medals and awards Robert earned while in service are:

- RVN Gallantry Cross w/Palm
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal w/Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal

- U. S. Army Viet Nam Service Medal
- Viet Nam Campaign Medal, and the
- Korean Defense Service Medal.

Robert and Edith A. Schmid are parents to one son Eric and from a previous marriage Robert has a son Thomas and a daughter Diane. Robert has 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. After his military career Robert worked for various steel companies in the Columbus, Ohio area as a reinforcing steel detailer and job estimator.

The Prairie Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is proud to nominate Robert Schmid as the Missouri State Society DAR's Patriot of the Month for the month of October 2013, and thank him for his dedicated service to his country.