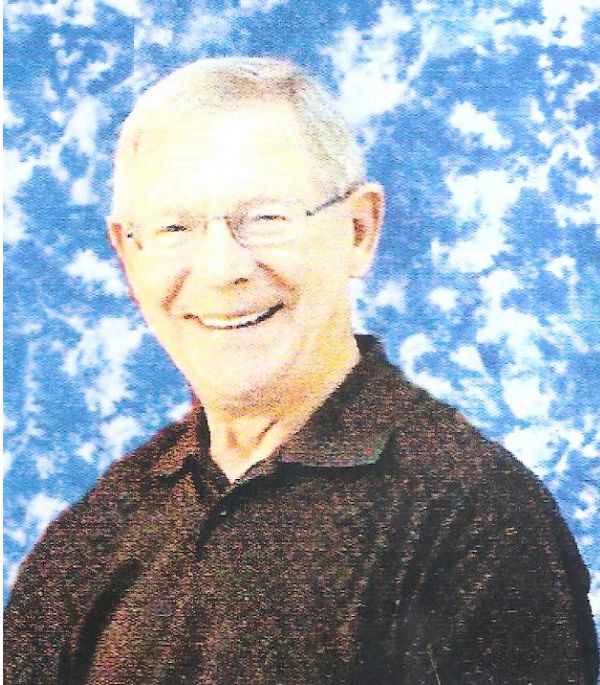




**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
December, 2013**



James R. Dismuke

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James Dismuke volunteered for the draft after graduating from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee in 1954. He completed basic training at Ft Gordon, Georgia. Jim was assigned to Ft Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas for training as a Medical Corpsman then on to Ft Rucker, Alabama, as a Medic. While at Ft. Rucker he also served as company clerk. His next assignment was to Headquarter, Paris Detachment, Seine Area, Company Z as an Engineer Supply Clerk. This assignment ended September, 1956 when he was discharged. Jim received the Good Conduct Medal and was recently given the "Forgotten War Medal."

Jim used his GI Bill to attend Southern Theological Seminary in Wake Forrest, North Carolina. He graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1960. He spent several years in ministry in Louisiana and Missouri. Jim was ordained by Delmar Baptist Church in 1966. He later attended St. Louis University and received his Master's Degree in Urban Affairs in 1972. This changed his career path to local government and economic development. He has served in city government in Flat River, Farmington, and Fredericktown.

Jim and his first wife, Peggy, have two children, Steve and Lisa. After Peggy passed away Jim met and married Nancy Whitener. Nancy has one son, Gary. Jim is a member of the American Legion Post #416. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5896, a 25 year member of the International City Manager's Association, the Missouri Economic Development Council, and the Rotary Club. Jim and Nancy are active members of the Christian Church.

The members of the Captain Henry Whitener Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate James Dismuke as Patriot of the Month for his service to our country.