

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Jeron C. Drager

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Jeron Charles Drager was born on March 13, 1948, in Winterset, Iowa. He is the second of seven children born to Don and Betty Drager. He has five sisters and one brother. He graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia, Missouri in 1966.

Following graduation, Jeron enlisted in the United States Navy. He finished his basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois, and he was assigned to the USS Jason based in San Diego, California. This was the height of the Vietnam War, and the USS Jason was sent to the South China Sea to assist with the war effort. Jeron subsequently served two tours of duty in Vietnam and served in the Philippines, Japan, and Hong Kong, also known as the West Pac.

For his wartime service, Jeron received the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. During his service, he was the first OBA on the ship and received several certifications which included heli-arc welding specialist. His rank upon discharge was E5 which corresponds to shipfitter second class.

Upon his discharge from the service in 1970, Jeron came home to Cameron, Missouri, where his parents and siblings resided. There, he met Barbara Rissman, and they were married on December 27, 1970. They have one son, Derek, who is married. They have five grandchildren.

Jeron retired from General Motors in 2005 after thirty years. He is an avid car enthusiast, owning several custom and antique cars. He assists his son who owns Crossroads Plumbing. He enjoys chauffeuring Barbara to and from various organizations and activities.

The members of the Major Molly Chapter, NSDAR are proud to nominate Jeron Charles Drager as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude for his service and commitment to our nation.