

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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George William Davidson

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Bill Davidson graduated from high school in 1968 and began attending college at Southwest Missouri State in Springfield. The Vietnam War had been going on for ten long years, and as soon as Bill turned eighteen, he joined the Navy. On January 10, 1969, he traveled to Saint Louis, Missouri, induction center and completed seaman boot camp training in Great Lakes, Illinois. Next, he went to the Naval Guided Missile School in Dam Neck, Virginia, and to the US Navy Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. After completing his first submarine deterrent patrol, he reenlisted and made three more deterrent patrols on the USS G.W. Carver. In 1975 he was sent to Navy Submarine School and became an instructor at Central Test Site in Dam Neck, Virginia. After being with the Navy for almost ten years, Bill was assigned to the Trident Training Facility in Bangor, Washington. He was sent back to work on the USS Ohio in the Groton, Connecticut Shipyard, and on April 2, 1981, he was commissioned Ensign, Limited Duty Officer. He became Weapons Repair Ensign on the USS L.Y. Spear, and in 1983 he was transferred to the Naval Submarine Officers School in Groton, Connecticut, as a Lieutenant JR Grade. He moved back and forth across the country while moving up in rank, retiring after 33 years, as a Commander, February 1, 2002.

His complete service time includes: January 9, 1969, to February 2, 2002; sea service 10 years and 6 months; foreign service 4 years; submarine deterrent patrols 8. His service duties include: Fire Control Technician Ballistics (SS) on USS Hunley (AS-31), USS G.W. Carver (SSBN656), Guided Msl Sch Dam Neck, VA, and USS OHIO SSBN (728) from 1969 to 1981. Limited Duty Officer Submarine Ordnance on USS L.Y. Spear (AS-36), USSO OHIO (SSBN 726), Chief of Naval Tech Trn Memphis, USS Orion (AS-18), Strategic Weapons Facility PAC, OIC Nuclear Weapons Training Group Norfolk, XO Strategic Weapons Facility PAC, and XO USS Emory S. Land (AS-39). He has received the following awards/citations: Meritorious Service Medal (4), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Battle "E" Ribbon (3), National Defense Service Medal (2), Good Conduct Medal (2), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (4), Overseas Service Ribbon (4), Enlisted Submarine Warfare insignia 1971, Surface Warfare Officer insignia 1983, and Officer Submarine Warfare insignia 1984.

Bill is married and has two children, one deceased. He has four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Memphis in 2005. He volunteers as a counselor for AARP Tax-Aide, and he is a member of the Hot Springs Geology Club.

The members of the Isaac Garrison Chapter, NSDAR are honored and proud to recognize George William "Bill" Davidson for his service to our great country and community.