

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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**Russell Lee Scott**

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Russell Lee Scott was drafted during the Vietnam Conflict on January 9, 1968, into the United States Army. He was nineteen years old when he received his draft notice. At that time Russell said it was very life changing for him, because war was scary. He completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and then he was sent to Fort Polk, Louisiana, for Republic of Vietnam Infantry Training. Following graduation from AIT training, he was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for Armored Personnel Carrier Training. When his training was complete, he was assigned to Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry in Camp Howard, South Korea. In South Korea, he served as a personal driver to the Infantry Battalion Executive Officer, and then for the Battalion Commander of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry. At the same time, his oldest brother, Jim Scott, was in Vietnam; two sons could not be in the same war zone. Russell Lee Scott received the Good Conduct Medal, Arm Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Expert M-14 Medal. He received the highest score on the M-14 and M-16 Rifle Range of his battalion. He was discharged on August 13, 1969, at Fort Lewis, Washington. Russell was transferred to the Army Reserve, where he was called again to serve at Fort Carson, Colorado, until he received his honorable discharge from the Army on January 1, 1974.

When Russell returned from his military duty in the U.S. Army, he took a job with the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant where he made ammunition for the government to be used locally and overseas. He worked there twelve years, until he started his own electrical company called Scott's Electric. Russell ran his own business for fifteen years, retiring in 2009. During his lifetime Russell has been actively involved in his community with organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He also belongs to the V.F.W. Riders who participate in raising funds for scholarships and veterans' homes in Missouri, and he has delivered meals to seniors in Lexington, Missouri. Russell Scott is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Martin Warren Chapter. Russell is married to LaDonna Scott who is a member of the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter DAR, and they have four children and six grandchildren. He is very proud of his family and is active in their activities and enjoys traveling. Two of his grandchildren are in the Children of the American Revolution, the Private Martin Warren Chapter. Russell belongs to the Trinity United Church of Christ in Lexington, Missouri. He shares, "Always be willing to help others in need and do not expect anything in return. Teach your children to respect the U.S. flag and the freedom it stands for."

The Lafayette-Lexington Chapter DAR is proud to nominate Russell Lee Scott as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his service and commitment to our great nation.