

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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John J. Kovarik

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John served on active-duty in the U.S. Army from June 1969 to June 1972 as a Sp5 (E5). He was a Chinese translator/interpreter in various places including Taipei, Taiwan, during the Vietnam War. Prior to entering the service, John had earned a master's degree in Chinese from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

John's service and duty locations include: Chinese translator and interpreter at Ft. Leonard Wood, Good Fellow Air Force Base, Ft. Devans, Ft. Hood, and Taipei, Taiwan. His awards include: National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

John is retired from the Department of Defense after forty-two years of service as a Chinese translator and interpreter (DISL). He is married to Mary, and they have two daughters and four grandchildren. He serves as the St. Bernadette Severn Eucharistic Minister and pastoral minister. He belongs to the CLA Professional Linguistic Association and has served as president and vice-president.

The Daughters of the John Sappington Chapter DAR are proud to nominate John J. Kovarik as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our nation.