

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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Marvin Harper

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Marvin Harper was born on February 4, 1948, in Elmo, Missouri. Except for the time spent in the military, he has lived in Nodaway County all his life. In July 1969, Mr. Harper joined the U.S. Army as a private. From Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he went to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to complete his basic training. After Fort Polk, Louisiana, he served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 in the 592<sup>nd</sup> Transportation (Desert Rats!). His medals include: The Army Commendation Medal and Vietnam Medal. He returned to Fort Bliss, Texas, and was honorably discharged in April 1971.

As a civilian, Mr. Harper farmed near Barnard, Missouri, and worked at the Maryville Uniroyal Plant until it closed in 1983. He then went to work as facility coordinator at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville until he retired in 2010. Mr. Harper is married to Mary Davis from Barnard. Marvin has two sons, Tony and Bob, from a previous marriage. Mr. Harper is of the Protestant faith.

Marvin is a member of the American Legion Post #102 and to the 40/8, which during WWII, originally stood for a boxcar that carried either forty men or eight horses. The 40/8 supports the nursing profession. Other positions held by Mr. Harper are as follows: American Legion #102 Post Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, and Sgt. at Arms; district offices as Post Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, and Sgt. At Arms; served on the board of the Boy's State, and Oratorical Chair; department and state offices as Commander, Senior Vice, Sgt. At Arms, Oratorical Commission. For the 40/8, he has served as Chef de Gard (leader) and Chaplain; on the national level, he has served on the Americanism Committee.

Marvin continues to volunteer with local activities whenever needed. He willingly helped our Nodaway Chapter DAR when we recently sponsored the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative event. Marvin Harper is definitely an asset to our community in many ways.

The Daughters of the Nodaway Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Marvin Harper as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.