

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month November 2015



Rev. Ed "Doc" Golden, Th.D.

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Ed "Doc" Golden enlisted in the United States Navy at the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center in Daytona Beach, Florida, on his 17th birthday, January 3, 1961.

Following boot camp, at Great Lakes, Ill., Ed served two tours of duty out of Norfolk, VA, on two Amphibious Attack Cargo ships, the USS Thuban, AKA-19. His first cruise was on the USS Thuban to Cuba, during the Missile Crisis. He would later take a six-month cruise to the Mediterranean on this same ship.

The USS Vermillion, LKA-107 went to the Caribbean, and crossed the equator in 1968, after steaming through the Panama Canal.

Ed worked as a radioman, which meant he was on board U.S. Navy ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, and operated radio, teletype, and cryptographic equipment. He was leading petty officer on board one of the four ships he served on, and wrote a training program that helped advance all of the men under his supervision after completing a three-year communications engineering program in thirty-six weeks, then went to teletype and crypto repair schools. He supervised the ship board communications centers, and was the Radioman on duty in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1963 when President Kennedy was assassinated. He was the first member of his crew to receive this information, and alerted the captain.

During his ten-year military career, he served on the USS English, DD696, out of Mayport, Florida, where he and his brother both served together for a year or so.

Just prior to going to Vietnam, Ed served a brief tour to the U. S. Navy Training Reserve Training Center in Tampa, Florida, as an electronics instructor. He went to Vietnam on a refrigerated cargo stores ship, the USS Vega, AF-59, out of Alameda, California, and did underway replenishments of frozen stores to ships serving in the country.

Medals/Awards: National Defense Service Medal, Sharp Shooter for pistol, rifle, and Browning Automatic Rifle (qualified on these during boot camp), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, and the Overseas Service Medal.

Ed was honorably discharged from U. S. Naval Station at Quonset Point, RI, on April 17, 1971.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Ed earned his Masters degree in Counseling Psychology, and Doctorate in Theology from Southwest University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Former Missouri Board Certified & Internationally Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. Ed is a graduate of the Unity School of Practical Christianity.

He is an ordained Unity Minister, and served on a National Minister's Assistance Team, for helping impaired ministers to attain recovery.. He was Senior Minister in one Unity Church and Minister of Administration in two others, including the Founders Church in Kansas City. Ed is past president of the Blue Springs Minister's Alliance. He served as Chaplain for the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department while living in California. He received his chaplaincy training at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City while attending seminary. During this time he also provided chaplaincy services for the elderly care unit of Lakewood East Hospital. He served on the Ministry To The Aging in Blue Springs, performing Sunday Services for Waterford Ladies Home, and St. Mary's Care Center.

Ed currently serves as chaplain for the Inter-City Fire Protection District in Kansas City, and just concluded twenty years of service to Blue Springs Police Department as Chaplain and VIPS Operations Supervisor, and Central Jackson County Fire Protection District, Missouri Peace Officers Association. Upon completion of his service to the Blue Springs Police Department and Central Jackson County Fire Protection District, "Doc" was presented with two plaques along with a portrait, a copy of which will be hung on the Wall of Honor in the new police station in Blue Springs upon its completion in 2015. He also serves on the Foundation Board for Missouri Peace Officers Association. Doc was just elected to the Board Of Directors for Benilde Hall, a residential addiction recovery program for homeless veterans.

Dr. Golden was the VIPS Operations Supervisor for the Blue Springs Police Department and supervised the day-to-day activities of forty-eight volunteers. He was a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) member, and served on the Board of Directors of the Blue Springs Citizen's Police Academy as VIPS Liaison until December 2014. He was the founder of the YOU Scholarship award, which awards \$500 per year to a youth graduate from the Community and Youth Outreach Unit who is planning to attend college. The funds are to be used toward books and supplies. He was a member of the "Champions for Children" mentoring program with the Blue Springs Police Department's Youth Outreach Unit.

He is the founder and president of Celebration of Life Counseling and Consulting, and author of "The Unhooked Celebration," a book on nicotine addiction recovery. He has provided hundreds of seminars and classes for people in the process of quitting, since becoming a non-smoker in 1982.

Dr. Golden has been published in magazines and periodicals on topics of Personal and Spiritual Development, Motivation and Goal Achievement, Addiction Recovery, Family Marriage issues, in articles, poetry, programs, and books. His current work is entitled, "From Skid Row to the Front Row, or When Drugs and Poverty Stop Working." Doc is married to his best friend, Susan, of 26 years, and together they have three sons and a enjoys making things for charity. Ed is an avid golfer, and directs or helps direct golf tournaments for several of his charitable organizations.

The members of the Blue Springs Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Rev. Dr. Ed "Doc" Golden as Patriot of the Month, and express their sincere gratitude for his service to our great nation.