

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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James Bush

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Jim Bush entered the Navy June 3, 1959 in St. Joseph, Missouri. He served ten years active duty and eleven years in the Navy Reserve. Initially a Navy frogman, Jim tried out for the newly formed Navy SEALs and was accepted following his successful completion of "Hell Week." Jim served with SEAL Team One. During his service Jim was awarded 13 medals and 10 campaign ribbons, plus several unit citations and prestigious Navy Seal insignia and Navy Parachute wings. He held the Navy's high altitude, low opening parachuting record after a jump from 31,000 feet at night time, recording a 165 second freefall. Jim served several tours in Vietnam and left active duty in 1968. He was called back into service in December 1972 to serve in the Naval Color Guard for Harry Truman's funeral in Independence.

After his naval service, Jim began a successful career with UPS. He moved to their headquarters in New Jersey to head up their U.S. Corp. Automotive Information Services Unit. He retired to his hometown of Trenton, Missouri a few years ago, where he has served the community admirably. He has served as a city councilman and even trained local firemen in diving rescue, donating equipment for their use. He is a member of the Lions Club, VFW and the American Legion. Jim owns the local theatre and provides a few free days for the local children each year. In the winter, after heavy snows he clears the driveways for many of the elderly in the community. In the summer, he mows the lawns for these citizens as well at no charge. He has always been a generous philanthropist throughout his adult life. He states that he wants to give back to a community that helped his struggling large family during his childhood.

The Daughters of the Alexander Doniphan Chapter DAR are proud to nominate James Bush as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.