*Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution*

# Patriot of the Month

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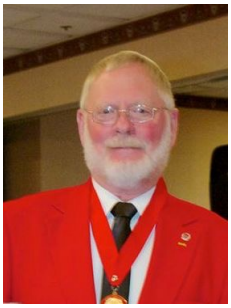

## *Nolan R. Moody*

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Nolan R. Moody was born in Wichita, Kansas, and raised in Springfield, Missouri, where he attended Bowerman Elementary, Reed Jr. High, and Hillcrest High School, graduating in 1965.

On September 23, 1965, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as an Aircraft Hydraulic Mechanic and was stationed in Memphis, Tennessee and Chu Lai Vietnam.

After active duty with the Marine Corps, Nolan enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard and served November 1974 to May 1992 retiring as an E7/Sgt. First Class/ Aircraft Maintenance Platoon Sgt.

Nolan received the following ribbons and citations: Combat Action Ribbon, USMC Good Conduct Ribbon, USA National Guard Achievement Medal W/3 Bronze Oak Leafs, National Defense Ribbon W/1 Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal W/4 Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon, Army NCO Professional Development ribbon W/#4, Army Service Ribbon, RSA Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon W/#2, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, USN/USMC Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, RVN Gallantry Cross Unit Citation W/Palm.

After Vietnam Nolan worked for Zenith Corporation in Springfield, Mo for 25 years as a shift supervisor. After the closing of the Zenith plant he was employed by Unimark Corporation in Springfield for five years as a shift supervisor. He is currently employed by Alpha House of Springfield, Inc. as a correctional officer and has held that position for 14.5 years. He has three sons, two grandsons & one granddaughter all of whom he is very proud.

He has spent countless hours in the service to veterans through various organizations such as: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine Corps League, American Veterans, American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association, Greater Ozarks Veterans & Patriotic Association and Joining Community Forces Association.

Serving three years as commander of the VFW with two of those as All State Commander, he and fellow VFW members are responsible for installing, the first of its kind, POW/MIA flag and pole at the Springfield National Cemetery on November 11, 1995, and succeeded in having the post office design and use a POW/MIA cancellation stamp for 1998 POW/MIA Recognition Day. He became a Life Member in August 1994.

Nolan has been Commandant of the Marine Corps League in 2004/2005 and was Marine of the Year in 2010, receiving seven Distinguished Service Awards.

He is Firing Team Leader/Rifleman for the Marine Corps League Memorial Team with over 725 Military funeral services to his credit and served as chairman for Toys for Tots in Springfield for many years.

With Ozarks Honor Flights, he served as a guardian on four flights and a staff member on four additional flights as well as attending all sixteen homecomings.

Some other positions held in various organizations:

- American Veterans Post #188 - 2nd Vice Commander two years
- Greater Ozarks Veterans & Patriotic Assn. - First Vice President and Chairman 2009 and 2010 Veterans Day Parade. Chairman Memorial Day programs at Springfield National Cemetery 2010 thru 2013.
- Fleet Reserve Assn. Branch #316 President for 2011/2012 where he received the 2011 Lifetime Membership Award. Also Public Relations Ship Mate of the year in the 14 state region and was Vice President 2015/2016.
- American Legion Post #639 – Executive Board Member at large and was 2015 Co-Chairman of the committee that brought the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to Springfield.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars – designed float for 1997 Veterans Day parade, chaired the POW/MIA Recognition Day dinner, Chairman District 14 Homeless Veterans program, Hosted Post 30th Anniversary Dinner 1996, and chaired “Lite A Bike” program.

The Daughters of the Rachel Donelson Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Nolan R. Moody as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.