

# *Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution*



## **Patriot of the Month**

May 2016



*Karl Gary Edmundson*

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Karl Gary Edmundson was born in December 1942. His parents, Millard Edmundson and Amy Rathburn, lived on a family farm in Pettis County. Gary graduated from Green Ridge High School in 1961. He became a truck driver for Missouri Seed Company and made deliveries in local towns.

In April 1967, he joined the U.S. Army. After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood and more training in Colorado, he was sent to Vietnam on January 5, 1968, to join the 352nd Transport as part of the 90th Replacement. There, he moved supplies from the coast to the battle areas in Southern Vietnam. His convoys drove through areas devastated by Agent Orange. Karl stated, "Truckers were fairly safe. Only a few were killed by snipers. The roads, ankle-deep in dust in the dry season and ankle-deep in mud during the monsoons, were guarded by Americans who faced danger every day."

Karl received the Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, and was honorably discharged in Oakland, California, on January 5, 1969, after six years of service.

Upon returning home, he continued as a trucker for agricultural businesses in Missouri, picking up supplies (feed and seed) in Kansas City. He married Epha McMMain who died in 2012. Karl worked for thirty-seven years in a wheel factory in Sedalia. Karl has volunteered in community projects and has served as a Meals-on-Wheels volunteer. He is a member of the Baptist Church. He currently resides in a Missouri Veterans Home. He has diabetes. He also has multiple myeloma, a type of bone cancer, a disease associated with Agent Orange.

The Daughters of the Warrensburg Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Karl Gary Edmundson as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.