

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Charles W. Goodin

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Charles (Charley) W. Goodin was born and raised in Jefferson City, Missouri. Shortly after high school in 1966, he met his wife Claudia. They were married just before he went to Vietnam in 1968. They have one daughter. Charley is retired from Union Pacific Railroad working as a locomotive engineer for thirty-three years.

Charles served in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1971 where he served with Mobile Construction Battalion #4 in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. Upon returning from two tours in Vietnam he served on the 31st NCR Drill Team. Charles also spent four years in the Missouri National Guard.

The National Defense Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with Fleet Marine Combat Device and two Battle Stars, and the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon were earned by Charley during his time of service. He was honorably discharged from Port Hueneme CA Construction Battalion Center.

Both Charley and his wife Claudia have been active in the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for many years. They travel together to many of the Legion and Auxiliary functions. Charley has held continuous membership for forty-three years in the Roscoe Enloe Post #5, serving at all levels of the Legion. He now serves as National Executive Committeeman.

Through the American Legion Post 5 in Jefferson City, Missouri, Charley has been able to build ball fields for youth, ensure the building of a Korean and Vietnam War memorial in the community, and serve on many national executive committees.

Charley and Claudia recently returned from the 97th National American Legion Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, where they represented the state of Missouri and the American Legion's dedication to our service members and veterans.

In August 2000, Post 5 honored Charley with a Life Membership for his dedication and service to the organization.

Coming from a long line of patriots, Charley and many members of the Saucier family line have served their country in many branches of the armed forces. Charley and many of the other family members served in the Navy. The family is proud of the roles they have played in the pursuit of freedom throughout our country and the world.

The Daughters of the Prairie Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Charles W. Goodin as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.