

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Robert Logan Wilson

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Bob was born and raised in Mexico, Missouri, and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1955. His service jobs and duty locations are as follows: USS Owen DD 536; USS Cowell DD 547; USS Mahan DLG 11 which was a Destroyer Leader Guided Missile; USS Taussig DD 746; and USS Rupertus DD 851. He started out as deck seaman and eventually progressed to the gun gang performing the tasks of gunnery. Other duties he performed while aboard ship were the Mk-10 Terrier Missile and Chief Master of Arms on the last three ships and in charge of the armory and the ship's landing party. He was Company Commander at San Diego Recruit Training Command for four years. He served in the Vietnam War during the year of 1968-1969 and was attached to the Mobile Riverine Force and served as Boat Captain for Command Communications Monitor 92-1. His last tour of duty was serving on Admiral Tidd's staff in Coronado, California, where he was honorably discharged in 1976.

His medals, badges and citations are the following: Navy Commendation awarded twice under combat conditions; Combat Action Ribbon under combat conditions; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Presidential Unit Commendation; Presidential Unit Citation; Good Conduct awarded five times; China Service; Armed Forces Medal; Vietnamese Commendation awarded four times; Vietnamese Service Medal; Expert Rifle; Expert Pistol; and Combat Boat Captain pin.

Bob has served his country faithfully in peacetime and war. He is a loving, compassionate, and giving person. Bob has been a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. Also, he is a great friend to many and when seeing someone in need he rises to the occasion to do whatever he can to help. He contributes to the Wounded Warrior program of which is a very important cause to him. While in Vietnam he served under Lieutenant Commander Tom Kelly who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and lived to receive this great honor. All this happened while serving in the Mobile Riverine Force in Vietnam. Bob lost a schoolmate who was a neighbor and served in the Vietnam War as a helicopter pilot. He also lost one of his boat crew during this time. While visiting Washington D.C. two years ago he visited the Vietnam Memorial commonly referred to as the "Wall" and found the names of the above mentioned men which brought to mind the great loss we suffered as a nation of which he loves dearly and proud to have served.

The Daughters of the Columbian Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Robert Logan Wilson as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.