

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Frank W. Roha

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Frank Roha joined the U.S. Army in January 1969 at Los Angeles, California. It was the height of the Vietnam War, and he was stationed at Quang Tri in Vietnam. His job was a radio teletype operator. He was discharged at Ft. Lewis, Washington, in October of 1970.

Initially he went to work for the United States Post Office in Van Nuys, California. He left the Post Office job for a career in construction, starting out as framing carpenter and working his way up to the project supervisor. They built luxury apartment complexes in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, California.

Frank is a "die hard supporter" of Boy Scouts. Having two sons four years apart in age, scouting gave him an opportunity to participate in extensive camping trips with his boys. He believes scouting develops life skills in boys 8-18 years of age that are invaluable.

He and his wife are active in their church. They have spent time as the nursery leaders. Love of children, has developed into another interest for Frank. When he returned to Missouri, he noticed there was no Santa Claus in the local mall. After researching "Santa" on the web, he bought a suit, grew his beard, and went to work. During the Christmas season, you might find him at a company Christmas party, one of the local restaurants, or on a home visit. Santa Frank has even made home appearances on Christmas Eve for a local family.

Frank grew up loving music. From about sixteen years old, he played guitar and sang in what he called "garage bands." Whenever he has the opportunity you might see him performing at Dawt Mill Restaurant or at the open mike event on the local court house square.

Frank is still planning for the future. He and other veterans plan to build Health Haven Botanical Gardens on the edge of West Plains. Classes are being planning on how to grow both food and flowers plus a veterans' amphitheater. This arena would be used for concerts, speakers, and Veterans Day celebration events. A memorial is also being planned that would feature the names of veterans who have served in each war or conflict.

Frank and his wife have three children, two sons and a daughter, and one grandson.

Frank Roha rode in the Ozark Spring Chapter DAR car for the West Plains, Missouri, Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2015.

The Daughters of the Ozark Spring Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Frank W. Roha as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.