

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month September 2016



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Jerold Kilgore United States Navy

Jerold graduated in 1948 from Huntsville High School and enlisted in the Navy on September 10, 1950. He went to boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. After boot camp, he was sent to Jacksonville, Florida as a Third Class Petty Officer with an Aircraft Mechanic rating.

Jerold made two trips to the Mediterranean Sea on patrolling missions aboard the Aircraft Carrier *USS Coral Sea (CV-43)*. He was later assigned to Special Services and sent to Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Pensacola, Florida for pilot training. He was there for three years during which time Jerold was on the navy basketball and softball teams. On September 2, 1955, he was discharged at Pensacola, Florida, after serving five years in the Navy. Jerold received the Good Conduct Medal and a Korean Service Medal.

Returning home, Jerold attended the University of Missouri starting in the fall of 1955. During his junior year, he quit his studies and went to work at McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri, for two years. He then moved to Phoenix, Arizona where he worked for Honeywell Computers. He worked there for 25 years and then in 1987 left Honeywell Computers. He became head custodian for a school district for eight and one-half years before he retired.

Jerold married Mary Carden. They have five children plus several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is a member of the Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Armstrong Daughters extend their gratitude and thanks to Jerold Kilgore and are proud to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.