

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month September 2016



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John Thomas McEwan, Jr. United States Army United States Air Force

John McEwan Jr. joined the United States Army at the age of 17 in Omaha, Nebraska. He was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington for basic training, then to Fort Ord, Colorado, for truck and tank mechanic training. He served in Germany and Vietnam from 1969 to 1971.

John was discharged and waited one year before joining the Air Force again in Omaha. He lost some rank and began to study. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education, meantime serving in Okinawa, acquiring a wife and family, and moving to several locations in the United States, including Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, which he says can get very cold. Selected for officer training, he was commissioned in 1980 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

His last years of duty were at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, where he retired with the rank of Captain. Some of his military awards and decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/5 battle stars, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

John and his wife Jean had four children. He earned two master's degrees and became a teacher in a state school for the handicapped. He taught there for ten years. For three of those years, John and Jean had a young handicapped man living with them.

John now raises cattle and is a business owner. He enjoys his 14 grandchildren in spite of their being scattered across the United States. He is a strong booster of the local public schools and sponsors fall and spring athletic banquets for the school.

Warrensburg Daughters are very proud and honored to recognize John McEwan, Jr. as Patriot of the Month for his dedication and service to our great nation.