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Patriot of the Month October 2016



Jack Canaday United States Army

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Jack Canaday entered the United States Army at Kansas City, Missouri, on April 21, 1969. He went for his basic training at fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for eight weeks. Then he was sent to Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) School in Aberdeen, Maryland for eight weeks. His MOS was a 44E20-Machinist. After completing his MOS school, with the rate of Specialist 5, he was transferred to Vietnam where he remained for 21 ½ months. He was at Camp Bearcat near New Chelon Village. Jack was assigned to Helicopter Unit 240th aviation Company-Assault Helicopter. He made parts for helicopters that they could not get.

Jack received the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal w/2 stars which meant he extended his service two times-six months each time. He also received the Vietnam Campaign w/60 Device and the Army Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leafs. He received an early out because he volunteered for two tours of duty. Jack was discharged on November 3, 1971 at Oakland, California.

After Jack returned from service, he opened a Small Engine Repair business. In 1976, he was joined by his younger brother and at that time they started fabricating racing cars for people. They continued with that business until 1995. He built cars for people worldwide. He also raced cars from 1958 to 1984. He built about twenty cars a year for several years as well as building replacement parts for the cars he made. He was in the Race Car Fabrication Business from 1976-2005.

Jack has been active in the American Legion, but currently he is not active. All of his life, Jack has been active in the Christian Church. He is the father of three daughters and four grandchildren who live nearby.

Missouris Shoal Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Jack Canaday as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.