

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors

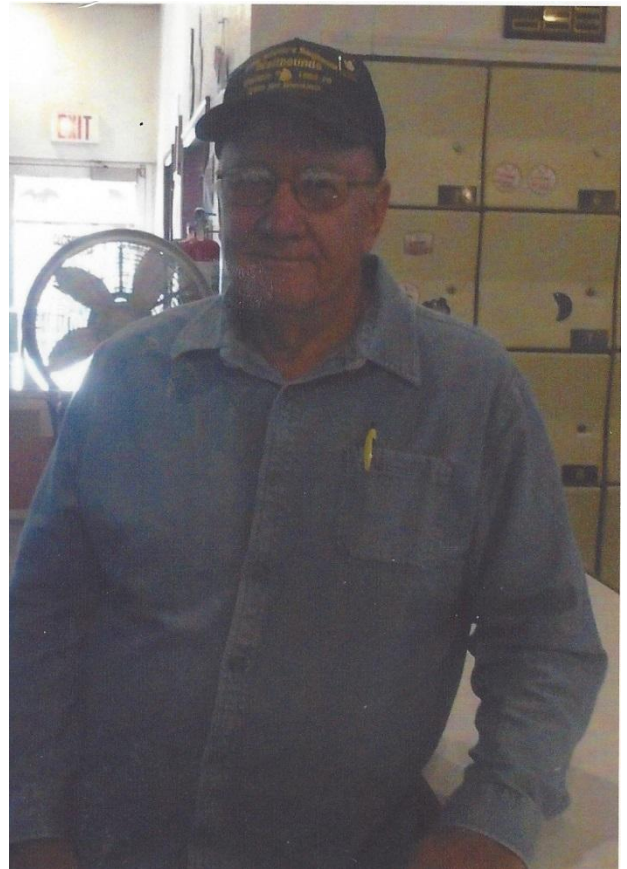


Patriot of the Month February 2017



Don Arndt United States Army

Sponsored by
Harmony Mission
Chapter



Don Arndt entered the United States Army in April, 1965, and was honorably discharged in 1967 after serving two years. He began his service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was transferred to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served with the 2/27th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Division. He was then transferred for one year in Vietnam with the 2/27th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Division. Leaving Vietnam, he returned to Fort Leonard Wood where he was honorably discharged.

The most meaningful experience of his time in the Army was being with the men he served with. "They were the best of the best. Our unit was a very famous Infantry Regiment called the Wolfhounds."

"Next," he said "Would be the fact that our unit lost so many men in Vietnam. Several were friends or brothers as we called them. One of those was Charlie Crowe, the best friend of my life. We were in Hawaii training and the Vietnam War together. I had to serve six more months without him."

Don was awarded the following badges and medals:

- Combat Infantry Badge
- Expert Rifle Badge
- National Defense Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Overseas Bar
Vietnam Campaign Medal
Two Presidential Unit Citations.

Don graduated from Electronics Institute and worked in a large metropolitan city for one year. He then started an electronics sales and service store in a small town outside of the large city. He is a Volunteer Fire Chief and a volunteer ambulance driver or attendant.

He has served as a Deacon and an Elder in his local Christian Church. He was a charter member of his local Chamber of Commerce and has served as President. Don was the Founding President of the Western Missouri Antique Tractor and Machine Association and has served on the board for several years.

Don was the main driver of creating the Lt. Charles Garrison Veteran's Memorial in his community. He has also assisted with the recognition of Vietnam Veterans in his local community. He has authored a book titled "See the Dragon." It is his story; it is what he saw and his thoughts. Much of it describes his friends he served with in Vietnam. Five years later, he wrote another book titled, "Into the Dragon's Roar." It is 45 chapters about the men he served with or were in his unit. It is what they saw and did, another words, their stories.

Don and his wife, Sue, have three daughters, nine grandchildren, and 3 step grandchildren.

Harmony Mission Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Don Arndt as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great nation.