

**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly Honors**

Patriot of the Month

September 2017



Donald Hentges

United States Army

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Donald Hentges was drafted into the United States Army in December, 1967. He went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training. He then transferred to Fort Polk, Louisiana, for advanced infantry training. In May of 1968, he went to Vietnam where he served with the 101st Airborne Division as a Rifleman. When their machine gunner was killed in July, he was made the new machine gunner. In November, David was promoted to Squad Leader.

On November 19, 1968, he was wounded while on a reconnaissance patrol. He was sent to a hospital in Japan for one month. He was then transferred to Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas for three months. After his transfer to Fort Hood, Texas, he was discharged from the service in early 1969.

Donald's awards and medals include: Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/3 bronze service stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Badge w/rifle bar, Republic of Vietnam Campaign w/device (1960), and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/palm unit device.

For 42 years, Donald worked for Modern Business, IKON, and Rioch USA. His jobs included truck driver, warehouse manager, purchasing manager, and inventory control analyst. He is involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars as Budget Chairman for the Department of Missouri and he is Quartermaster for his local Post. He is President of the Jefferson City Veterans Council. Donald also serves on the Advisory Board for Operation Bugle Boy, and serves on the board for "When the Yellow Ribbon Fades." In addition, he serves on the "Wreaths for Heroes" Committee.

Donald and his wife have been married over 45 years and they live on a farm. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

Jane Randolph Jefferson Daughters are proud to recognize and honor Donald Hentges as Patriot of the Month for his very patriotic and dedicated service to our great nation.