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Patriot of the Month**



**Harold F.  
Rakop, Jr.**

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Harold F. Rakop, Jr., joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve on March 10, 1950. He transitioned to the regular Marine Corps on June 2, 1955.

Duty stations include Naval Air Station, St. Louis, Missouri; Marine Corps Air Station; El Toro, California; Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California; Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tennessee; Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan; Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe, Hawaii; Vietnam (two tours); Quantico, Virginia (two tours) where he retired on May 31, 1973.

Harold was attached to the Presidential Helicopter Squadron during President Johnson's and President Nixon's term in office. He was proud to have served his country in both peace and war.

Harold is active in the Marine Corps League, Marine Corps Association, Fleet Reserve, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He is the Marine Corps League representative to the Waynesville 1<sup>st</sup> Roberts Chamber of Commerce. He represents the Marine Corp League on the hospital senior advisory board at Fort Leonard Wood Army Hospital.

Harold is a member of the National Muzzleloaders Rifle Association and the Kickapoo Trace Blackpowder Club.

Harold is married to Ruth, who is a member of the NSDAR Noah Coleman Chapter.