



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
December, 2012



R. Michael Bickel

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R. Michael Bickel served in the United States Navy from June, 1970, to December, 1974. He went to submarine school in New London, CT, from June to December, 1970. He was assigned as a supply officer aboard the USS Sirago (SD-485) from January, 1971, to June, 1972. He attended navigation school and air intercept control training. LT JG Mike Bickel was navigator and air intercept control officer aboard the USS John King (DDG-3) until 1973 with temporary duty status from February until December, 1974.

Mike received a commendation from the CO of the USS Sirago for service above and beyond the call of duty while on secret operations in the Barents Sea.

Mike and his wife Linda Pillard Bickel have two daughters, three granddaughters, and one grandson. In civilian life, Mike was chief information officer for a manufacturing company. He has been an officer with the USS Sirago Veterans Association and the United States Subvet Association, where he has been involved with the annual reunions held for the U.S. Navy Submarine Force in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mike's devotion to his country and to the men he served with is displayed through his involvement in both the Veteran's Day and Fourth of July Parades, and by participation in the Memorial Day service and wreath laying. He is also committed to his family, church, and is very active in the Masons.

The St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Mike Bickel as Patriot of the Month and thank him for his service to our country.