



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
July 2013**



Verlon Dennis “Boo” Parker

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Verlon Parker was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1948. He graduated from Scott City, Missouri in 1966 and went to work for Bunny Bread Bakery until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1969. Verlon went for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and then onto Fort Knox, KY for Radio Operations School. His next assignment was Inchon, Korea where he was an engineer on a boat with the rank of Spec E4. They took guards to various barges for protection action while in Korea. While working on a River Barge Line Verlon was hurt and retired in 1997. He earned the Enlistment Medal and the 57th Transportation in Inchon, Korea Medal.

Verlon was married to Bonnie Enderle with one child Christopher and then Melba Hayes with one child, Sarah Jean. He has five grandchildren Alexis, Parker, Cara, Christin, Kaile, and two great grandchildren Liam and Audrey.

Verlon has been very active supporting Veterans. As an active member of the Patriot Guard Riders he has escorted several groups of World War II Veterans to the St. Louis Airport for their Washington D. C. tour. Verlon and other Patriot Guard Riders have conducted a number of Wreaths Across America Ceremonies, placing specially made wreaths for Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and POW/MIA. He has placed United States of America Flags on many stretches of roadway, helped fund raise, helped escort and support families who have lost a loved one retain dignity and peace during funeral processions and burials. Verlon is a staunch supporter and participates whole heartedly with the Patriot Guard Riders as a source of constant support to our service members, past, present, and future and are a source of inspiration to young Americans. In

summing up the ideals of Verlon and his companion riders purpose and ultimate goal is they "Stand for Those Who Stood for Us". Verlon has been recognized by the Nancy Hunter Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution for his Patriot Guard Rider service to our veterans and families and has been commended for his service by the Missouri House of Representatives and also the Congress of the United States of America, Washington, D.C.

Verlon is also a Life Member at VFW Post 3838, Fraternal Order of Eagles 3775, Fraternal Order of Elks Cape Girardeau, American Legion Post 369, United Commercial Travelers, and American Legion Riders 369.

The members of the Nancy Hunter Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend their gratitude and thanks to Verlon "Boo" Parker for his service to our country and honor him as Patriot of the Month.