



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



Walter Edgar Tinnin

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**Captain Henry Whitener
Chapter**

Walter "Eddie" Tinnin enlisted in the United States Army just after his 18th birthday December 7, 1967. He did his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Advanced Infantry Training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He was a Specialist E4 assigned to Co B 82 Airborne Division 2nd Battalion 505th Regiment 11B20 Light Weapons Infantry. Eddie was sent to Viet Nam during the TET Offensive. During a sweep his unit was ambushed and a fellow soldier just in front of him was shot. Eddie rescued the soldier bringing him back behind the lines and was awarded the Bronze Star for this act of bravery. During another mortar attack Eddie was hit by shrapnel along his lower back and legs. Due to this injury he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was discharged December 7, 1969.

Other Awards and Medals Eddie earned were the National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal w/Dev 60, Viet Nam Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifle and Machine Gun Medal, Combat Infantry Badge w/clusters.

Eddie married Sharron Ann Firebaugh and they have one son, Michael. He has been the owner/CEO of Tinnin's Garment Factory for thirty years. A member of the Higdon Christian Church, lifetime member of the VFW, and the Disabled American Veterans. As a hobby Eddie enjoys constructing miniature replicas of horse drawn vehicles such as milk wagons, buggy's, funeral hearses, and stagecoaches.

The members of the Captain Henry Whitener Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Walter Edgar Tinnin as Patriot of the Month and wish to express our gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.