

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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George N. Monken

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George Monken started a military family tradition by joining the military in 1966 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in his hometown of Granit City, Illinois. His younger brother, Dan, went to West Point, and served in the Army for twenty-three years. His nephew, Frank, joined the U.S. Navy and served for twenty-two years. George's son, Christopher, joined the U.S. Marines and served for sixteen years. Now his great-nephew, Scott, and Scott's wife, Susan, are serving in the U.S. Coast Guard.

George had a great Army career reaching the highest rank as Warrant Officer 5 and serving for thirty years. He said sometimes he wishes he was still a young man (he is seventy-one years old), so he could still be in the Army with all the new technology which is now available.

George received extensive career training and education while in the service. In addition, his awards and medals include: Legion of Merit Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak leaves), Army Good Conduct Medal (2 awards), National Defense Service Medal (with star), Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Award (3 awards), Vietnam Campaign Medal. Unit Citations include: Joint Meritorious Unit Award Ribbon, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award Ribbon.

George retired from the U.S. Army after thirty years and worked for several defense contractors. He and his wife, Vicki, retired to Sierra Vista, Arizona. They have been married for forty-nine years and have two children and two grandchildren.

George is very active in the community: participating in the Arizona Archeology Society and an extensive archeology dig site on Ft. Huachuca. While in Virginia, he was actively involved in his church. He was also a board member and president of the Home Owner's Association where he lived. He did extensive volunteer work with the Fairfax County Park Archeology and the Archeology Society of Virginia and its Northern Virginia chapter. He has done volunteer work at two of the earliest Native American sites in North America. After moving to Arizona, he remained an active volunteer at the lab and site in Texas. He is active in the church he attends in Sierra Vista. He is a member of the Military Officer Association of America and the United States Army Warrant Officer Association. He has served his Home Owners Association as president, treasurer, and secretary since moving to Sierra Vista. He was also appointed by Sierra Vista's City Council as commissioner on the Sierra Vista Environmental Affairs Commission.

The Olde Towne Fenton Chapter DAR is proud to nominate George Monken as Patriot of the Month, and they extend their sincere gratitude for his service and commitment to our great country.