

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Gary W. Kribbs

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Gary graduated from Moberly High School in 1965. He married Sue Hook of Moberly in May 1966 while working at the University of Missouri Medical Center Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician under the supervisor of Garf Thomas, Chief Pharmacist. Ten months later on March 20, 1967, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was sent to the Great Lakes Naval Recruit Training Command. While in the Navy, he took courses in pharmacy and toxicology, completed all the training to receive the rank of 2nd class Hospital Corps Man (E-5), as well as four weeks training with the Marines for field medical service technician. He arrived in Vietnam on August 13, 1969 as part of a MILPHAP N-6 team in Rach Gia, Vietnam. Their job was to advise their counterparts on treatments and procedures even though often requiring more. Like so many others in a distant land, he had some good and bad experiences. He left Vietnam in August 1970 and was honorably discharged that same month at Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, and transferred to the inactive Naval Reserve.

Gary received the following medals: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Pistol Shot Medal, and an Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in the Republic of Vietnam from August 1969 to May 1970.

He started the fall semester at Moberly Junior College in 1970 and graduated in May 1972. He continued his education at UMKC and graduated in May 1975 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy. He took state boards and became a registered pharmacist in July 1975.

After working in retail for others, Gary decided he wanted to own his own pharmacy and opened the Medicine Shoppe in 1981. He bought Burton's Rexall Drugs and combined the two stores in 1999. In 2008, the name was changed to Kribbs Family Pharmacy.

Gary and his wife have three children and seven grandchildren. Gary is a Mason, Shriner, member of the Missouri Pharmaceutical Association and president of Sugar Creek Cemetery Association. He enjoys hunting, archery, metal working, wood working, fishing, genealogy, and tending to his cattle.

The Daughters of the Armstrong Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Gary W. Kribbs as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.