

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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## Mervin Sharkey

United States Army

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Mervin was raised on his grandparent's family farm, attended eight years at a country school, and graduated from high school. He earned an Associate of Arts degree from his local community college and then his Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science degrees from Northeast Missouri State University.

Mervin entered the United States Army in June, 1969. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Vietnam, and Fort Riley, Kansas and served as the company clerk. He was discharged from Fort Riley in March, 1971. Being 26 years old many of the younger guys came to Mervin to talk when they were feeling lonely or depressed. He received two oak leaf clusters for outstanding service and three letters of appreciation for his service performance.

After serving in the Army, Mervin has taught school for 50 years, teaching mathematics and serving as guidance counselor in his local school system, Holy Family School, and the local University. He is in his 51<sup>st</sup> year of teaching. He has taught Sunday school for 40 years. He is a member of Missouri State Teachers Association and Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He was selected "most influential teacher in a student's life" for nine different times at the Missouri Scholar Academy at Missouri University. He enjoys running and has accumulated many medals in the 5K run. He is the father of three children and has three grandchildren.

Hannibal Heritage Daughters are very proud and honored to recognize Mervin Sharkey as Patriot of the Month for his patriotic and dedicated service to his community and our great nation.