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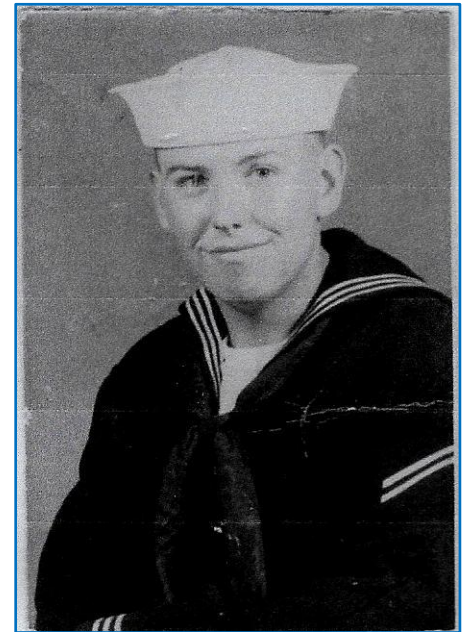
Patriot of the Month
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Murl R. Simler

United States Navy

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Murl enlisted in the United States Navy in September, 1965, during the Vietnam War. He laughed while stating that in basic training the Sergeant asked, "Can anyone type?" Murl raised his hand. Within days he entered schooling in Little Creek, Virginia, as a Yeoman clerk. He went on to learn cryptologic. Transferring to Newfoundland, he switched to Supply. He was then assigned to the *USS William H. Standley (DLG-32)* in Mayport, Florida. The *USS Standley* controlled all flights to Gulf of Tonkin.

While in the Navy, Murl went through the Panama Canal twice; saw Hiroshima, Yokohama, and Tokyo, Japan; and Subic Bay, Philippines. He was discharged at Mayport, Florida, in September 1969.

Murl's medals include: National Defense Medal; Vietnam Service Medal w/1 star; and Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device.

When Murl was discharged he attended Rankin Technical School and became a heavy equipment mechanic. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of 22 Club, which was formed in Antonio, Missouri, in the 1800's to help defend neighbors and storekeepers from horse thieves, robbers and cattle rustlers.

Murl and his wife have been married 47 years and have one son and two grandchildren.

Ann Haynes Daughters are proud to recognize and honor Murl R. Simler as Patriot of the Month for his dedication and patriotic service to our great nation.