## Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

## April 2018





Terry DuBois

## **United States Marine Corps**

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Terry was born in Arkansas, where he attended high school. After graduation he joined the United States Marine Corps. His first assignment was to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot,

San Diego, California. He also attended Non Commissioned Officers School and Guerilla Warfare School. Terry trained with the 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

He trained at Okinawa Japan in 1964. During that time, it was his honor to represent the United States at the Olympics as a United States Flag Bearer during the opening ceremony.

Terry was nominated for Marine of the Month during his service. During his time in the service, he served in about 18 countries, which included Asia; Europe; Vietnam; Japan; Spain; Rome, Italy; Greece; Okinawa; and Cuba. He acquired many leadership skills which allowed him to plan and execute parades.

On the first of January, 1965, he was with the 1<sup>st</sup> combat unit in Vietnam and served for a year. His service was in the Danang area. Terry was awarded the Army Commendation Medal when he tried to help save a Marine. On his way home, he traveled to Hong Kong, Philippines, Guam, and Hawaii. On the down side, he had to be tied to his bed for three days on the ship during hurricane Virginia, in late 1965. He was grateful to make it out alive. He said it was a brutal experience for everyone. Hurricane Virginia tore all of the life boats off the ship. When he returned home, he enjoyed a 30 day leave. He was discharged at Camp Lejeune in 1967.

Terry was awarded 10 medals, which include National Defense Medal, Sharp Shooter/Marksman Medal for rifle and pistol, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam, Air Wings, and Combat.

He met his wife, Finis, while at Camp Lejeune. They wrote letters for two years while he was in barber school in Missouri. They have three daughters and three grandchildren. He was a barber for six years and a truck driver for 32 years. Terry held church services at a prison for three years. One of his hobbies is playing guitar and entertaining senior citizens with his music. He also helps with the local food pantry. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Louisiana Purchase Daughters very proudly honor and recognize Terry DuBois as Patriot of the Month and extend to him their deepest appreciation and gratitude for his very dedicated, patriotic service to our great nation.