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



Patriot of the Month

September 2020



## Michael T. Daniels

## **United States Marine Corps**

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Michael was active duty from Feb 1989 through Feb 1993. He served an additional four years inactive duty, two of which were in the reserves at Richards-Gebaur in 1993 through 1994.

Michael attended boot camp in San Diego, CA followed by Combat Engineering School at Camp Lejeune, NC. Michael's first duty station was in Okinawa, Japan with the 9th Engineers where he specialized in demolition. Next, he was stationed in the Philippines, while there he joined an infantry company assigned to keep the Philippine military from taking over the Philippine government. While



in the Philippines, Michael and his platoon spent a week in the jungle for survival training (JEST). Michael returned to Okinawa, Japan and then was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA where he was assigned to the 7th Engineers. There he specialized in explosives, construction and buildings bridges. Michael served in Desert Storm in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia with Combat Engineering Battalion. His primary mission was to defuse and clear minefields. After returning to the states, Michael volunteered to return to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia for humanitarian efforts as part of Desert Shield.

Michael was awarded Letters of Appreciation for Superior Performance & Dedication to the Corps and Country (x7), Rifle Sharpshooter, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal from Kuwait government, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two stars.

After serving in the military, Michael returned to Missouri with his wife, Kimberly. They have three children: Christopher, Ashtyn and Shaye. For the past twenty-six years Michael has worked for Ford Motor Co. In his spare time, Michael enjoys spending time with family, fishing, running his sawmill, showcasing his steam engine & antique tractors and working on his farm. Michael is a member and has served at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Alexander Doniphan daughters are proud of Lance Corporal Michael T. Daniels and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to her community and our great nation.