

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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## Gary D. Mears

### United States Army

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Gary Mears enlisted into the Army on March 8, 1966. His duty stations included: Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Cu Chi, Vietnam. Gary was a Personnel Management Specialist. During Gary's time in the Army, he processed hundreds of new personnel into service for our country. Just like these other 18- and 19-year old's, this was his first time away from home as well.

While in Vietnam Gary was shocked to see the living conditions of the Vietnamese people. He learned the life or death situations that war can bring. These young men had to grow up fast, follow instructions, watch their backs and work together. Vietnam was truly an eye opener to the quality of life that we can have here in the United States.

Gary was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 devices, Army Commendation Medal, and the Expert (Rifle) Badge.

In civilian life, he was employed at Norfolk Naval Air Station in Virginia as a Naval Aircraft Repairman. Later Gary was employed at General Motors in Kansas City, KS.

Gary is married to his wife Nancy, and they have daughters Sherrie, Jennifer, and Cindy. They also have ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gilead Rupe Daughters are very proud of Staff Sgt. Gary Mears and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.

