

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



## Patriot of the Month

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## Roger Hitzfield, Sr.



### United States Army

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Roger Hitzfield, Sr. was born October 2, 1946, in Huntington, Indiana, to Albert and Elsie Hitzfield of Roanoke, Indiana. He is married to Mildred (Becky) Hitzfield. They have two sons, Roger, Jr. and Eric.

He entered U.S. Army on August 29, 1966 was sent to Fort Knox, KY for Basic Training. He received his orders for Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone Headquarters Battery, BT.517th Artillery for 18 months. He was then sent to Fort Campbell, KY for six months when he received orders for Vietnam.



Roger was then sent to Fort Dix, NJ and the next morning was told to check with the Red Cross who told him that his dad had passed away after leaving for Fort Dix. With nine months left to serve at this time, he was sent on emergency leave. He received a compassionate reassignment to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, as his mother had a bad heart. He was able to finish his last nine months there.

Roger earned the Sharpshooter Citation (Basic Training).

Roger learned how to operate heavy equipment and after his tour of duty, he opened his own excavating business. He is very involved with St. Peter Lutheran Church where it was a second home; he volunteered for any community needs. Teaching his two successful sons about being loving and kind to one another was a primary focus of both Roger, Sr. and his wife Becky.

Roger is a very kind man who loves to help others and uses his heavy-duty equipment to do excavations around his community, sometimes with no fees attached to the work. He and Becky are devoted to family and community.

He is now semi-retired and continues his work in the community.

Caroline Close Stuart daughters are proud of Specialist C Roger Hitzfield, Sr. and are honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.