

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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Vernon Herrington

United States Navy Reserves

United States Army

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Vernon enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve on July 29, 1948 in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended basic training aboard the USS *LST 867 St. Louis*, sailing the waters of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and aboard the USS *Baselone* out of Norfolk, Virginia. Vernon served for four years in the USN Reserves. He was separated from the USN-R just long enough to be drafted by the United States Army for active duty in March 1953. Vernon attended US Army Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri where he also attended Engineering and Leadership School. He then was assigned to Fort Carson in Colorado where he served in the 529th Signal Corps (OPM). From there, he was deployed to Korea where he served in a variety of posts, including Aide to the Inspector General responsible for the inspection of troops on the 38th Parallel, and clerk at the Post Exchange (PX). Once stateside, Vernon fulfilled his Army Reserve obligation of four years, and in April 1959, he reenlisted in the US Navy Reserve, where he served until his retirement in June 1986.



Vernon earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal. He retired from the US Navy Reserves in 1986 at St. Louis, Missouri, after 38 years of combined military service (US Navy-R and US Army).

In his civilian career, Vernon worked for the US Post Office for almost 30 years. He retired in December 1989. In his spare time, Vernon volunteered as a boy scout leader and an elder and usher at his church. Vernon is a Life Member of the St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee, a committee of veterans and concerned citizens dedicated to the establishment and maintenance of a state-operated home for veterans in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. He is also a 47-year member of the American Legion, Florissant Valley Memorial Post 444.

Vernon and Marie, his wife of 54 years, live in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Caroline Close Stuart Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Vernon Herrington as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.