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Patriot of the Month

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Joe Farrell

United States Army



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Joe Farrell was drafted into the United States Army on April 1968 and his basic training was at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Joe attended Advanced Training at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama as an ammunition specialist. Joe was sent to Vietnam in September 1968. He was stationed at Dong Tam Vietnam 9th Infantry Division Ammo Rearm Points and was assigned to a Helicopter Unit. Joe was lifted from Vietnam by President Richard Nixon July 1969.

Joe was awarded the Army Commendation medal for assisting in combat emergency May 1969 and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was reassigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and discharged April 1970 as E-5.

Life after military. Work, work, work! Joe married his wife Sherry in September 1972. They have two children, Meghan and Ryan. They also have five grandchildren.

Joe had a sales career in hospitality industry and marine industry until his retirement in 2012. Joe has played music, sang and been an entertainer in the Lake area for many years. He currently plays at least two nights a week at JB Hooks at the Lake in the early evenings. His friends say he sings like an angel.

Joe went on the Honor Flight to Washington DC on October 2, 2017. In an interview after he returned home Joe said, "The trip gives Vietnam Veterans the welcome we never got" and he urges all veterans to experience it. Joe was awarded a Quilt of Valor in 2021.

Joe is a member of the Eldon Noble Eagles. Joe's road name is El Jefe. He and his wife Sherry held vigil at the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall at the Versailles City Park. He said it was a week of blessings and emotions.

Rock Island Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Joe Farrell as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.

