

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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Raymond Perry

United States Army



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Raymond "Ray" Perry grew up in a golfing family with 2 younger brothers and his parents. While attending Wingate Junior College he was "exempt" from the draft. He quickly learned the 4 year college admission in the University of North Carolina/Greenville placed him in the draft pool. During basic training he chose advanced training in exchange for the pay raise of \$95.00 per month. His drill Sargent asked "who can type". Ray was the only hand that was raised. He was sent to the headquarters company and the pay was was an additional \$225.00 per month. Next he was sent to Officer Candidate School and assigned to the New Hampshire National Guard Artillery Unit and received artillery and M-16 rifle training.



Most interesting event: Meeting a wide variety of men of all backgrounds. The tactical operations were relayed to the field on an AM-FM radio.

Best advice received: Don't Volunteer!!!

Service Medal: Vietnam Service Medal

Fraternal Organizations: Shriners

After serving America, he qualified and was fully sponsored in the Class A Gold Circuit Tour for a year. The experience of traveling and practicing in every tour city brought his love of golf to new heights. The generous sponsorship covered most expenses, the remaining expenses covered by his wife who taught in an elementary school. As an excellent golfer, he didn't qualify the following year. He proved to be a great teacher while serving as a Gold Pro at the Pinehurst Country Club.

He has been married to his wife Peggy for 50 years. They have a daughter, son and 5 grandsons.

Sarah Barton Murphy Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Raymond Perry as Patriot of the Month for his very patriotic and dedicated service to our great nation.