

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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Wayne Shields

United States Army



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Wayne Shields was drafted by the United States Army and entered on December 20, 1965. He was honorably discharged on December 6, 1967.



He was sent to the reception center at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO before he was sent to basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He was then sent to Vietnam where he was part of the mechanized unit of the 9th Infantry Division which was re-instated because of the Vietnam War and the influx of soldiers being drafted. This Division had not seen service since World War II.

He thought being part of the mechanized division might keep him from being in the thick of battle but that was not the case. He remembers that nothing particularly interesting happened in combat, but he does remember that he was terrified of what was going on. He remembers seeing bamboo as big as his arms and having to put a t-shirt over his weapon as well as his mouth for protection against things in the air. He added that he later learned about what is now called Agent Orange.

He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Sharpshooter (Rifle M-14) and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Mr. Shields was born and raised in southern Illinois, one of ten children. He went to barber school and moved to St. Charles as his brother lived here. He was employed as a barber in St. Charles before he was drafted and returned to this occupation upon his discharge from the service in 1967, but also worked as a barber in the service. He has been a barber for 56 years and still has a shop in St. Charles, though it has not been open very much in the last year because of COVID-19.

Saint Charles Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Wayne Shields as Patriot of the Month for his very patriotic and dedicated service to our great nation.