

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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## Anthony J. Simpson

### United States Marine Corps



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Anthony J. Simpson enlisted in the Marines and went to basic training on December 30, 1965 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) in San Diego, California. He was then assigned to Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Pendleton, California, then Communications School at Camp Pendleton. In September 1966, he was sent to Vietnam to be a wireman. After arriving, they said that they did not need wiremen, but they needed volunteers to be radio operators on helicopter support teams attached to the infantry units.

Therefore, he participated in Operation Prairie, Operation Hickory, Operation Cimmaron, Operation Buffalo, and Operation Kingfisher. Tony said, "I considered extending my tour, but Operation Buffalo changed my mind." He returned to the states on October 13, 1967 and was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Marines as a Forward Air Controller at Camp Pendleton, CA. (Thirteen is now

Tony's lucky number.) He was honorably discharged from active duty on October 2, 1968.

His medals earned were: National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with one device, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with silver star, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Leaf and Citation. Tony added, "I like to think I helped to save lives by bringing the helicopters in under enemy fire to pick up the wounded."

When he returned home, he served a plumber apprenticeship. After becoming a Master Plumber, he operated a plumbing business for 5 years. Then worked as Chief Plumbing Inspector for St. Louis County. He then was Disaster Response and Municipal Contract Manager for St. Louis County until retirement. Tony served on the Planning Commission for Jefferson County and now belongs to the Fenton Masonic Lodge.

Married to Barb on March 13, 1971, they have one boy and one girl and three granddaughters. He is classified as a disabled veteran because of losing most of his hearing in Vietnam.

The Louisiana Purchase Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Anthony J. Simpson as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.