

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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Gerald (Jerry) E. Brown

United States Marine Corps

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Gerald (Jerry) E. Brown was born in Marshall, MO at the Fitzgibbon Hospital on December 29, 1934. He attended Pleasant Hill School for his elementary education and graduated from Slater High School in 1952.

Jerry joined the Marine Corps on June 22, 1954 in Sedalia, MO. His boot camp was in San Diego, California. He rose to Sharpshooter level with training at Camp Pendleton. He was a Corporal and as a Fire Team Leader, Jerry was in charge of 4 people for testing heat while wearing flak jackets in Yuma, Arizona. Jerry also took part in "cold weather training" at Pickle Meadows, California. The men lived in a snow cave with temperatures 20 below zero. At Camp Desert Rock in Nevada he was present for nuclear testing. The Marines would be in a ditch 2200 feet from the detonation with their backs turned for the explosions.



Jerry left the Marines on June 22, 1956 but stayed in the reserves.

He received a Good Conduct and Rifleman Award.

Jerry was a farmer before and after he was in the Marines. He started work as a Brakeman on the GM&O railroad in 1958 and later became a Conductor. He worked for Amtrak in 1985 until he retired in 2000.

Jerry is a member of the Slater American Legion.

He married Judy Tracy in 1957 and they had 4 children. Judy passed away in 1994. Jerry is now married to Elizabeth Schaefer and they reside on the family farm near Gilliam, Missouri.

Arrow Rock Chapter Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Gerald E. Brown as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.