

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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**Richard Palmer**

**Missouri National Guard**



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Richard Palmer enlisted in the Missouri National Guard in 1987. He did his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood. His primary duties were electrical. While testing on the ASVAB his first score was in the 94-96 range which was not usually achieved. They retested him and his second score as a 97-99. Richard did his M.O.S. and received his 51R Skill Set in Ft. Leonard Wood.

Richard served during the Persian Gulf War. He received two commendation medals. One was a S.D.M. medal and the other was the Oak Leaf Cluster. Richard did wiring on the PFO Office in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was sent to Costa Rica to do wiring on a school which served both as a college by night and a regular school during the day. He wired a climate room for computers.

His most memorable experience was observing the operations at Ft. Leonard Wood and how they serve the troops from new recruits to the career army personnel. Richard was encouraged to join the service by relatives who wanted him to carry on the family tradition of serving. His son also carried on the family tradition as he did two tours in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne.

Since leaving the service he has worked in the electrical field utilizing knowledge from Army base studies. He has also held leadership positions in monitoring industrial environmental construction. Currently, Richard is working in the construction industry applying his electrical skills.

Richard has volunteered in several organizations in his community. He has been a volunteer firefighter and a volunteer EMT. Currently he is serving as President of the Pierce City Cemetery Association where he has numerous responsibilities such as stabilizing gravestones, cleaning gravestones, helping people find their relative graves who are located in the cemetery. He also supervises the internments. He has served the community in that position for seven years.

The Neosho Chapter Daughters are proud to honor Richard Palmer as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.

