

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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## Donald Lee Pinson

### United States Army

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Donald Lee Pinson completed his schooling as a Draftsman in May 1969 and ironically was drafted in the Army on May 20. After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. his brother, John, who was 3 years older than Don and at Fort Leonard Wood several weeks with him, volunteered to go to Vietnam so Don would not have to go. Thus, Don was assigned to Fort Benning Georgia and served in the 197<sup>th</sup> Infantry as Personnel Specialist.



Serving through May 19, 1971, he then served in Army Reserves from May 20, 1971, through May 19, 1975. Don then joined the National Guard, and because of his work obligations, he had to resign in 1979. When asked what was an interesting thing that he saw while in the service, he replied, “Accomplishing so much as they all worked together was impressive. Each person did his job, and the tasks were completed successfully.”

His medals and citations include: The Army Commendation for Meritorious Service, Physical Fitness Commendation, Sharpshooter Rifle M-14 Badge, Good Conduct Award, National Defense Medal, and Missouri Service Medal.

Don is proud of his family as his two older brothers served in the Vietnam War, and Korean War. Two of his uncles served during World War II.

Working for Fred Weber, Inc. for 28 years, he retired as Asphalt Superintendent in 2003. Presently married to Marilyn Bone Pinson, they are the parents of two sons, Kevin, and Keith.

Don remains active in the community as a member of the Elks, Am Vets and Knights of Columbus His generous spirit enabled him to share his hobby of growing and canning pickles for family, friends, and community efforts for the last twenty years.