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Patriot of the Month

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Ron McDaniel

United States Army

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Interviewing this veteran was very informative and interesting -- He is a maverick and all about helping veterans. If he sees someone homeless he will stop and ask them if they are veterans--if so, he puts them in a motel, or takes care of whatever their need is at the moment. He says he will only help once, but I believe he would do more. I spoke with several veterans he has helped and they all say the same thing --he has a huge heart and quickly does what he can to resolve the problem.



Veteran McDaniel is a 3-year Army veteran and served in Vietnam from June 20, 1969 to June 16, 1970. Vietnam Veteran McDaniel served as a door gunner, hanging out the side of a helicopter, with 7 other door gunners. He has always been a maverick looking for adventure. When he came home from Vietnam, he saw veterans everywhere struggling, so his foundation was born, 'Heroes for Heroes'. He takes no pay from his foundation and began funding his foundation with bull riding. As he got older he quit bull riding and went to refereeing bull riding and works in different states putting on fundraisers. Veteran McDaniel also has sponsors and attends big craft shows, such as those held at the civic arena in St. Joseph, Mo. His travels have cost him 6 marriages as he is gone from home a lot. Veteran McDaniel stated all his wives knew he traveled to bull rides to various states, but once married they thought they could change him, which did not work. He does have a son.

This Vietnam veteran received the National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Service Star, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Air Medal, 2nd award. Bronze Star. Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 devices, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star and Aircraft Crewman. In addition, he helps veterans find homes, jobs, furniture and helps fixing their cars. He organized the 2022 Veterans Day Parade and Resource Fair. His tireless efforts have helped over 500 veterans. Like the energizing bunny, Vietnam veteran Ron McDaniel "just keeps going", helping fellow veterans and those currently serving and expects nothing in return.

Vietnam veteran Ron McDaniel is most deserving of the patriot of the month nomination and has been a joy to know. The St. Joseph Chapter proudly sponsors this veteran and highly recommends him for this special recognition. Thank you.