

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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## Michael David Phillips

### United States Marine Corps

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Michael, a native of New York, New York, is a graduate of Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama. At 21 years of age, Michael graduated with a Philosophy Degree from Springhill College where he received ROTC officer training. After graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps and married his wife, Kathie.



Next stop, Quantico, Virginia for Officer Candidate Course and Basic School. Michael then began his training as a Jet pilot: Basic Navigation School (jet), Glynco, Georgia, Pre Flight School and Basic Naval Aviation Officers School, Pensacola, Florida, Jet Training, Beeville, Texas.

Michael's service was extensive as a Bombardier/Navigator primarily in Quang Tri Province. His missions included Operation TAYLOR/COMMON, Operation KENTUCKY, Operation MAINE/CRAG, and VIRGINIA RIDGE. Not only did, now Captain Phillips, serve as a Bombardier but also with ground troops as an Infantry Forward Controller.

Captain Phillips received numerous Decorations and Medals for his service including: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 star, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device, Combat Action Ribbon, Strike Flight Air Medal 15<sup>th</sup> Award, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/silver star and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Upon being honorably discharged in 1970, Michael began a successful career in sales and marketing primarily with Maritz Inc. which brought him back to St Louis where he retired.

Today Michael lives in Chesterfield, Missouri with his wife Kathie where they spend lots of time enjoying their four children and four grandchildren.

Cornelia Greene Daughters are very proud of Michael David Phillips and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.