

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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Patrick Turner

United States Army

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Patrick Turner was born in Kirksville, MO but as a young child moved to the St. Louis area. He graduated from Parkway High School in 1964 and worked as a land surveyor for various companies from 1964 to 1984. On July 23, 1969, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served until July 23, 1971. His basic training and AIT training was held at Ft. Gordon, GA. He served in Vietnam from January to December 1970. He was in the infantry with 81mm mortars and served most of the year in country in the jungle. After he returned to the United States, he and his wife Donna, who he had married in February 1969, lived in Ft. Carson, CO from January to July, 1971. As he transitioned out of the army, he returned to St. Louis and continued his career in land surveying.



Mr. Turner believes that his time in the service changed his life. No one in his family had ever gone to college and his parents had not gone past the eighth grade. He started attending night school in 1971, part-time, and graduated in 1980 from the University of Missouri at St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. A short time after graduation, he and his wife were accepted as missionaries. He quit his job and the family to Chicago, where he attended Moody Bible College (1982-1983) and received an Advanced Studies Degree. In July 1984, the family (Mr. Turner, his wife, and ten and thirteen-year old sons) moved back to St. Louis. The family sold everything they owned (except for their house) and moved to Quito, Ecuador. For the most part, they lived in Quito for the next 18 years. He was a teacher and Principal at the Alliance Academy, the premier missionary school in the world.

In 1994, he received a Masters Degree in Advanced Instructional Leadership from the University of Alabama. The family returned to the United States in 2002. They moved to The Woodlands, TX, a suburb of Houston, where he was employed as the Upper School Principal of The Woodlands Christian Academy. In 2009, the family moved back to the St. Louis area where he became the Superintendent of Living Word Christian Academy (now known as CSD-Christian School District). He has pursued his Doctorate at California Coast University in Education and completed all course work except for his dissertation.

Mr. Turner retired in May 2021. He was elected into the Parkway Hall of Fame in 2015. He is a member of the American Legion; VFW; DAV; and Fernando de Leyba Chapter of SAR. He is the lead Chaplain for the St. Charles County Police Department.

Mr. Turner and his wife have six grandchildren who all live in O'Fallon, MO.