

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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Richard A. Peters

United States Navy

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Richard A. "Rich" Peters was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1931 where he lived for 10 days before his parents moved to California to find work. He graduated from Chula Vista High, in California where he was involved in band, track, baseball and set a school record for the 70 yard high hurdles.



In June 1950 he enlisted in the Navy at San Diego, California where he attended boot camp. He was assigned to the USS Sitko Bay CVE 86 arriving in Pusan, Korea in September 1951. He was later assigned to USS Passumpsic. Rich had 2 112 years Sea Duty with three, nine-month tours to Korea. He was a fire control tech and worked with Gun Fire Control Systems and Radar Systems. While in the Navy he took 40 weeks of Telecommunications training. He was discharged in April of 1954 in Long Beach, California as E-5, 2nd Class Petty Officer.

Rich is the recipient of the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, China Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal w/5 Battle Stars, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Asia Occupation, United Nations Service Medal, and China War Memorial and Missouri State Korean War Medal. He received a Certificate of Recognition from the Department of Defense in 2000 presented by Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt. He has received many other awards and recognitions too numerous to mention.

He credits the Navy training for greatly helping launch his 31 year career with Pacific Bell/AT&T in long distance telephone communication systems, Television microwave reception and Broadcast services. He was licensed by the FCC. He retired in 1985 and shortly thereafter moved to the Branson/Forsyth, Missouri area.

During his retirement he has worked in the Korean War Veterans Honor Guard and has performed Military Honors at over 300 Military Funerals since 1997 in Missouri and surrounding states. He drove the DAV van transporting veterans to veterans hospitals and other appointments and was part of the veteran's History Project. He is active in VFW, the American Legion and Korean War Veterans Association. He returned to the Republic of

Korea in 2010 with College of the Ozarks Veterans Tour. Rich is most proud of a personal letter he received from President Lee Myung-bak of the Republic of Korea, on the 60th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, thanking him for commitment in protecting their liberty and freedom and participation in their Revisit Korea Program.

He met his wife, a “Hollywood Beauty” who also worked at AT&T, at a company Bowling Meet. He was an accomplished bowler as was she and after allowing her a 50 point lead made a bet with her that if he won she had to go to dinner with him. He said she choked and he won. They bowled together for many years until she was unable. They had 5 children. Rich still bowls several times a week having 13 perfect 300 games over the years. He is 5 time Missouri State - USBC Senior Bowling Champion and Senior High Roller Champion, Las Vegas, NV.

Taneycomo Chapter is honored to nominate Rich Peters, for his commitment to our country and other veterans, as our MSSDAR Patriot of the Month.