

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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David M. Janes

United States Navy

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David Michael Janes is a Hannibal, MO native who enlisted in the Navy in May 1965. He started his naval career in San Francisco, CA. He served the Navy as a shipfitter on the USS Coral Sea from May 1965 to June 1967.

David was assigned to the Pipe Shop and accomplished each of the high-pressure welding requirements. Janes is described as "an overall excellent worker whose technical knowledge and maturity level is far above that of an average striker."

He was selected by the Division Petty Officers as "R" Division Fireman of the Month three times. In an evaluation of performance, Janes' supervisor stated, "He carries a great deal of the shop load upon himself and is always available when needed regardless of the situation. He has readily demonstrated qualities of a very good welder and all around shipfitter. Overall, Janes is one of the top non-rated men in his division and department. His work is a credit to any unit."

David also received the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon (one bronze star), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (two bronze stars), and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He found observing flight operations very interesting. He enjoyed watching the planes come on and off the ship. He built great comradeship with his peers.

David has two sisters and two brothers. One of his brothers served in the Army during the Vietnam War. David was married to Rose Fields on October 25, 1969 in Hannibal, MO. They moved to Kirksville, MO in 1974 and David continued his career as a Pipefitter. David raised JoAnn and David M. Janes II in Kirksville. David lost his first daughter, Cheri, in 1965 when she was only 10 years old.

