

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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Ronnie Alexander

United States Army

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Ronnie Dale Alexander was Born April 4, 1950 in Caruthersville, Missouri to James and Rebecca Alexander. Ronnie graduated from Caruthersville High School in 1968. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1970 and began his basic training in Fort Bragg, NC. Upon its completion, he went to Fort Knox, KY for Advanced Individual Training where he trained as a Tank Operator. He also attended the Leadership Preparation Course and Jungle Training.



Ronnie served in Vietnam as a tank driver, machine gunner and a Tank Commander with the 11th Armored Cavalry and the 101st Airborne Division. He was assigned to the 6th Army at Fort Lewis, Washington his return to the states.

Ronnie received an honorary discharge in 1971 with the rank of specialist E-4. He was a member of the Missouri National Guard from 1971-1972. For his exemplary service, he was awarded the Purple Heart, as well as, the Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, two Overseas Service Bars, the Combat Infantry Badge, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Ronnie and his wife, Karen, were married on Dec 24, 2007. They make their home in St. Charles, MO. He was the owner of Alexander Renovations. for 40 years, engaged in what he loved most, restoring old houses and furniture. He has restored houses in the St. Charles area and throughout the region. He has also traveled to Chicago and other locations to work on renovating old houses. Ronnie still enjoys furniture refinishing today.

He has participated in the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight program by flying with groups of WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. Ronnie described his most memorable moment on the trip was when they visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Ronnie speaks of what was the most important thing for him in his service career as the camaraderie and teamwork with his fellow soldiers. The best piece of advice he received was to “follow Orders.” It was a crucial piece of advice. As a tank operator they would “circle together and take care of each other. If he could give one piece of advice to those in the military today or those who are considering entering the military, it is “to make a career out of it.” The relationship, the education and the career opportunities are great.

The Gayoso Chapter Daughters are extremely proud to recognize and honor Ronnie Dale Alexander as our Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism, and service to our great country.