

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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### United States Army

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I attended Plattsburgh High School and then enlisted in the Army on August 17, 1966. I was sent to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and from there I went directly to Vietnam on January 6, 1967, and was there for one year. While in Vietnam, I drove a Dump Truck the first four months and then drove a Jeep the last eight months.

Medals and Awards I received: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Over Seas Bar, Marksman M-14 and Good Conduct Medal. I was discharged at Ft. Devens, MA, August 16, 1968.



After discharge I began working in construction until about 1972 when I began installing home security alarms for Honeywell. Then in 1977 I began working for Yellow Freight as a Mechanic until I retired in September 2004. I am a member of the Turney Baptist Church. And do not belong to any other organizations.

I am married and have two daughters, three sons (also one deceased son), fourteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. In my intermediate family I was the seventh child of ten children and the only one to serve in the Armed Forces.

On Labor Day night in 1967 while in Vietnam we were building bridges and one of my friends was asleep in a truck when it was hit by a grenade. The rest of us were all camped close by when the Viet Con started firing on us. We were sleeping outside on the ground when the truck was hit but we were not able to get our friend out of the truck before it was too late as he was already dead by the time we got to him. This bridge was South of Cu Chi and was over 500 ft. long (double baley) so was on a important road (QL1). This bridge was a metal bridge. But we also built some wooden bridges; however, the Viet Con would burn them down.

Another time I witnessed two men in a Jeep taking a Chaplain to another location and drove over a land mine. The Driver and man in the seat next to him were both killed; however, the Chaplain was thrown out of the Jeep and injured by not killed. You never knew what was going to happen next or if your own life would be next taken.