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### Patriot of the Month

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## David Neal Kottmann

### United States Coast Guard

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David Kottmann attended St. Peter Grade School and Duchesne High School in St. Charles, MO. His father, Vernon Kottman, was in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. This prompted David to also select the Coast Guard for his service. He attended eight weeks of Boot Camp at Cape May, NJ and served from August 1965 to August 1969.



His first assignment was on the 180' Ship Sea Going Tender "Cactus." The duties of the ship were to maintain maritime law, provide search and rescue missions and provide aids to navigation. He was based out of Boston and patrolled the waters from Woods Hole, MA to Portsmouth, NH. In 1967, the Captain and crew switched ships and he was stationed on the "Spar." Mr. Kottmann advanced to E4 Third Class Boatswain Mate during this time period and qualified on three boats- 30', 36' and 44' as well as 35' amphibious Craft. His duties continued to be to enforce maritime law and provide search and rescue. In 1968, he was assigned to the Commissioning Detail for the United States Coast Guard Cutter "Boutwell." This was a 378' high endurance cutter which was based in New Orleans, LA. The two week shake-down cruise occurred at Guantanamo Bay. It's home port was in Boston where it patrolled the North Atlantic and Ocean Station Bravo as well as Ocean Station Charlie, off Bermuda.

He was discharged in August 1969 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Mate.

After discharge, he attended Florissant Valley Community College for one year. He married his wife Pat in Nov. 1970 in St. Charles. He entered the work force with Betz Laboratory as a Service Tech. He was promoted to a sales position two years later. In 1973, he moved to Kansas City to open a new sales territory for the company. He returned to St. St. Charles to run the St. Louis District in 1976. In 1982, he began a new position with Industrial Piping and Steam Products. He spent the next forty years calling on customers and potential business in eastern Missouri and western Illinois. He retired in 2013 and is now a proud member of the board of the St. Charles County Historical Society.