

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



*Proudly Honors*  
**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH**  
**DECEMBER 2024**



**ROY W. HUTCHINSON**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY**  
**OCTOBER 1971 – OCTOBER 1974**  
**SPECIALIST (E-4)**

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Roy Hutchinson's service and dedication make him a standout candidate for the project Patriot of the Month recognition. Before volunteering for Military Service, Roy grew up on a dairy farm in Brookline, Missouri. He graduated in the upper 10% of his class at Glendale High School in Springfield, Missouri. He received his degree with a double major in Business Administration and Economics with Departmental Distinction from Drury University. He married his high school sweetheart, Kathy Hutchinson, a member of the Blue Springs Chapter, NSDAR, and was blessed with a son and daughter and now two granddaughters and a grandson. During college, he worked as a Traffic Analyst for Lily Tulip.

His military career was in the U.S. Army's Army Security Agency where he served from October 1971 to October 1974. After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, he excelled in learning Chinese Mandarin at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, mastering the language as if he had lived in the country for 15 years. His role at the National Security Agency as a Cryptanalyst and Chinese Linguist. Working under top secret clearance was crucial to our nation's defense during the Vietnam War.

Roy's commitment to excellence continued beyond his military service. Leveraging his Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, he earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a double major in Policy and Planning and Organizational Behavior from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. His hard work earned him a spot in the Business Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma.

For his business career, he started as a clerk in the Barge Department at Garnac Grain Company and worked his way up to Barge Trader and Vice President of Transportation. He also worked as a Broker and Vice President at Western Rivers Transportation in St. Louis, and President of Davis Fleet, New Orleans. He became a Computer Network Engineer and worked for the Blue Springs School District as a Consultant for Sprint's University of Excellence.

In 2011, Roy became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and has been an instrumental leader, serving as President, Secretary, and Sergeant of Arms for the Harry S Truman Chapter in Independence, Missouri. He volunteers his time and helps plan and implement the Missouri and Kansas SAR George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC) and Martha Washington Ball in Kansas City. As the webmaster for the GWBC Committee, he has designed its online presence.

His participation in patriotic programs in schools has educated children about the American Revolutionary War, its flags, leaders, and the role of a fife and drum in the war, bringing history to life with colonial attire.

Roy's involvement in Constitution Week events, his honoring Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Cadets and Eagle Scouts, and

his active participation with the SAR Color Guard at grave markings, memorial rededications, and Harry S. Truman Library and DAR events, demonstrate his unwavering dedication to patriotism.

Roy particularly enjoyed helping with the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall That Heals committee in Blue Springs. He is also honored when he is asked to go to Naturalization Ceremonies welcoming new citizens to our country and greeting veterans at Honor Flights at Kansas City International Airport where he plays patriotic songs on his fife.

Roy's service, leadership, and dedication to fostering patriotism, education, and historical preservation make him an outstanding candidate for the project Patriot of the Month recognition.

