

MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Proudly Honors



RICHARD GAY PENN

UNITED STATES ARMY

SPECIALIST 4 (E-4)

DECEMBER 8, 1965 – DECEMBER 8, 1967

WOUNDED IN ACTION NOVEMBER 11, 1966

as

PURPLE HEART PATRIOT

JULY 2025

Fern Penn, Honoring Her Husband's Service and Sacrifice

Sponsored by: Montgomery Chapter, NSDAR



Richard "Dick" Gay Penn was drafted into the military during the Vietnam War. He took his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He entered on December 8, 1965, and received an honorable discharge on December 8, 1967.

On September 12, 1966, his group flew to Wake Island, in the Pacific Ocean, where they refueled, got off the plane, and the next day they flew to Vietnam. He was wounded on November 11, 1966, near Tuy Hòa. Sent to the 8th Field Hospital at Nha Trang, Vietnam, then sent to a hospital in the Philippines for a week, and transferred to a hospital in Japan for about a month. From there to Fort Hood, Texas, overnight, then to Fort Riley, Kansas. He was a patient, and when able, he worked in the hospital while getting treatments. They changed his status from 4th Infantry to clerk. Dick received a Purple Heart Medal for his

service.

Dick received several other awards with one being from the Hillegas Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), on September 9, 2019, who joined with a grateful Nation to honor Richard Penn, United States Army Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion 12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, Vietnam 1966-1967 in recognition of Valor-Service and Sacrifice. The State of Missouri presented a certificate to SP4 Richard Gay Penn, United States Army recognition of his bravery, selflessness, and dedication in serving our country during the Vietnam War. Both awards were an honor and well deserved for Dick's service to his country..