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OLIN L. PARKS, II

**UNITED STATES ARMY
SPECIALIST 5 (SP5)**

JANUARY 1968 – NOVEMBER 1970

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as

**PURPLE HEART PATRIOT
NOVEMBER 2025**

Lemira Parks, Honoring Her Husband's Service and Sacrifice

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Olin L. Parks, II, graduated from Windsor High School, Windsor, Missouri, in 1965. As the oldest of the five sons of Olin L. and Ruby F. Parks, Olin learned from an early age about hard work and determination—traits that would later serve him well in the service of his country. His father, Olin, was a military man who served in World War II and Korea. Because of this family background, it felt natural for Olin to volunteer to serve. In November 1967, he enlisted and was sworn in on January 1, 1968. After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and AIT at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Olin became a medic. Following his training at Fort Sam Houston, he was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Soon after, Olin received his assignment to Vietnam.

Olin served as Senior Medic in G Troop, 2/11 Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse) during 1968-1969. During his service, he was wounded twice and received the Purple Heart Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. Olin also earned the Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars and the Combat Medic Badge 1st Award. Because of his bravery and skill, he helped ensure that families could welcome their loved ones home after being wounded in battle.

Following his separation from the Army, Olin worked in industry. However, feeling a need for more fulfillment in his life, he went back to college and obtained teaching credentials in business and science. For the next 25 years, Mr. Parks served the students of Missouri as a classroom teacher, principal, and ultimately superintendent. He retired from the Caruthersville #18 School District and continues to live in Caruthersville.

Since his retirement, Olin has been active in Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), serving in many positions at the post, district, and state levels, including State Commander. Olin's favorite volunteer group is the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC). This group of special Veterans of VFW members serves veterans in hospitals and nursing homes. They have BBQs at the Veterans Homes in Missouri, visit veterans in nursing facilities and hospitals to let them know they are not forgotten. Olin has served in many leadership positions in the MOC, including Grand (State) Commander and Supreme (International) Commander.



Olin and his wife, Lemira (Stubbs), have been married for 50-plus years. They are the parents of two children, Susan and James (deceased), and have two fabulous grandsons.