

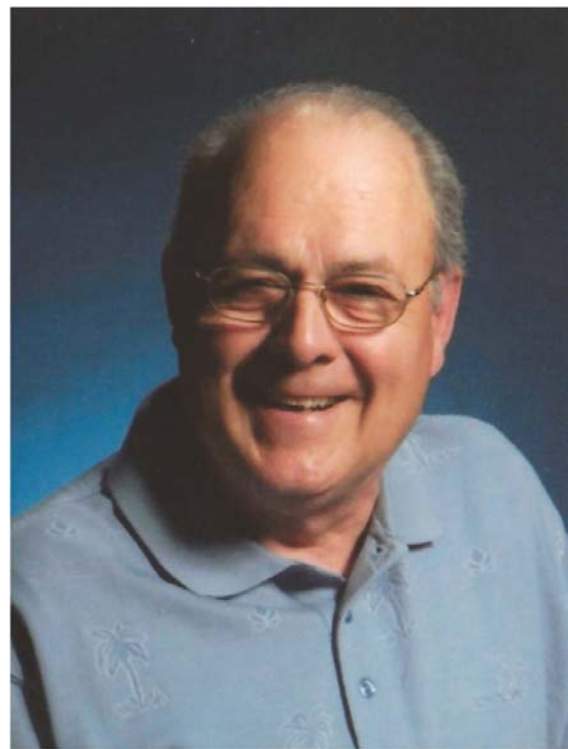
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Patriot of the Month



**Jerry Hopkins**

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Jerry Hopkins was born November 16, 1943 at Holt, Missouri. He attended and graduated from Lathrop High School in 1961. In 1968 he entered the service at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

After basic training, he attended Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Gordon, Augusta, Georgia. This training is where Jerry learned the skills to perform his Army job through hands-on training and field instruction. He was then sent to Vietnam where he was assigned as a Military Policeman at Chu Lai Base, Vietnam, American Division, 23<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Company; the first Military Police Company to be sent to Vietnam.

During August 1969, his unit was sent on a convoy delivering supplies and ammunition to the outpost, Camp Evans, Vietnam. His unit came under attack. Sniper fire hit Jerry's left elbow. His arm was amputated above his elbow at the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, Chu Lai Base, Vietnam. He was sent to Japan for an operation and then

transferred to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas for recovery and therapy before retirement. He retired from the Army at Ft. Sam Houston in November 1969.

Jerry's medals, awards, and citations include:

- Vietnam Service Medal
- Foreign War Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Expert Badge w/Rifle Bar
- Marksman Badge w/Pistol Bar

Jerry and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of a son and daughter. He was a school teacher for twenty six years. He currently works as a city building inspector in code enforcement. He does inspections of damaged buildings to determine if they are safe or unsafe to enter or occupy.

Jerry is a Mason. He is also a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the United Methodist Church.