

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month  
December 2018



**Donald E. Custard**  
United States Army

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Chapter

Donald entered the United States Army in February 1970. He completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Ord, CA. He completed a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 1970 through August 1971. He provided service with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.

For his service, Donald was awarded the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Device and Sharpshooter Badge with Auto Rifle Bar.

His most meaningful service experiences include meeting his wife while in Hawaii during a rest and recuperation break from Vietnam and developing friendships with fellow soldiers.

In civilian life Donald volunteers at the Missouri State Archives and he and his wife, Marita, were nominated Archive Volunteers of the Year in 2013. Donald belongs to his local Baptist Church, Friends of the Missouri State Archives and the VFW. He has been married 48 years, has two sons and five grandchildren.

Jane Randolph Jefferson Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Donald Custard as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great nation.

