

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

April 2019

Gearl V. Adams

United States Army



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Gearl enlisted in the United States Army in 1957. He completed basic training at Fort Rucker, AL, followed by medical corpsman training at Fort Sam Houston, TX and surgical technician training at Landstuhl, Germany. Following his first tour of duty, Gearl took a hiatus to complete nursing school and reenlisted under the Army Student Nurse Program in 1965. He was sent to Vietnam as part of the Army Nurse Corps in 1967.



For his service, Gearl was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Nonprofessional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Vietnam Service Medal. Gearl attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and in 1983 was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood as the Assistant Chief Nurse at the hospital. He retired from service in 1984.

In civilian life Gearl worked as a book-keeper and as a substitute teacher. He served on the Caruthersville School Board and was a member of the Kiwanis Club, serving as its president for several years. He taught Sunday school and operated the sound system his church. Gearl and his wife, Judy, have been married 52 years and have four sons.

Gayoso Chapter Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Gearl V. Adams as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great nation.