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Patriot of the Month

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Ray Zepp

United States Army

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Ray Zepp enlisted in the United States Army in 1968 and served in Vietnam until 1971. He received basic training at Ft. Polk, LA and attended flight school at Hunter Stewart, GA.

As a helicopter pilot, Ray's main duty was to pick up wounded soldiers. He remembers working one day for 18 hours, constantly going back to pick up more injured men. Though he was shot down three times, he survived. Although there were many terrible injuries, he didn't mind going back for the men on the battlefield as it made him thankful to be alive and able to help. Ray says it was mainly his faith in God that gave him the courage to keep going back to rescue the wounded. They were always under fire and shot at hundreds of times but he says God always kept him safe. His best piece of advice, "Always put the tail of the helicopter toward the enemy. That way they can't shoot the pilot."

Ray and his wife, Debbie, volunteer at their local church. Ray is also a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He volunteers for disaster relief around the world, working with Service International from St. Louis and Compassion Ministries in Haiti.

St. Louis Jefferson Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Ray Zepp as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great nation.

