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Patriot of the Month



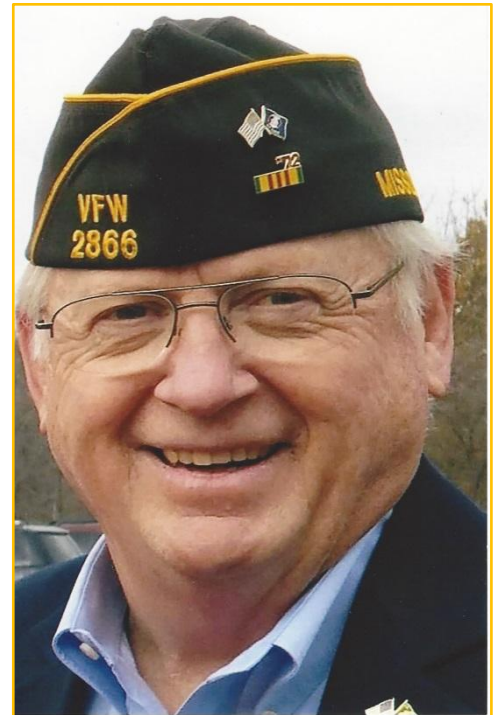
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Michael A.  
Shea

United States Army

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Michael entered the United States Army in August of 1970. After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he attended his advance training at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Upon completion of training, he was reassigned to Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, Texas. This assignment was a training prelude to a tour in Vietnam. For his assignments in Vietnam, he was rated as an Aircraft Instrument Repairman.

After his tour in Vietnam, he returned to Corpus Christi Army Depot and was later reassigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division to continue work as an Aircraft Instrument Repairman and Electrician. Later, Michael requested Army Flight School where he became a helicopter pilot. He then returned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and served as an Aeroscout Pilot. In 1990, upon his return from Korea, he was sent to Desert Shield/Storm. In 1993, Michael retired after 21 years of active duty.

Michael's awards include: Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal w/2 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/4 oak leaf clusters, National Defense w/1 bronze star, Vietnam Service Medal (2 awards), Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Michael's most rewarding experience was to lead a team of aircraft during Joint Aircraft Tactical Team missions. He was the air mission commander orchestrating tactical attacks with ground forces, cobra gunships, and Air Force A-10 attack aircraft.

Upon retirement, Michael settled in transportation moving goods across our region and the country. Currently, he serves his community as an elected official in eastern Missouri. Michael sees solutions to problems while enhancing the community for the residents. He also belongs to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and serves as a board member for his neighborhood home owners association.

Michael has been married for 31 years with a son on active duty with the Air Force as a Nuclear Weapons Officer. He and his wife also have four other adult children with a combination of 11 grandchildren.

Saint Charles Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Michael A. Shea as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and dedicated service to our great nation.