



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Roger E. Combs

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Roger E. Combs graduated from the University of Missouri–Columbia and began his military career by attending Officer Candidate School in the United States Marine Corps in 1968. After designation as a naval aviator, he served a tour in Viet Nam as a combat helicopter pilot in 1969–1970. Although he does not hold a United States Air Force rating, he is an aircraft commander who has earned ratings as a Naval Aviator and is a Senior Army Aviator.

By 1975 he received his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Missouri. He has over 2,500 flying hours in four types of rotary wing aircraft including more than 500 hours of combat time in a CH-46. He also served as Chief Aircraft Maintenance Officer at the Marine Corps Air Station in Quantico, Aircraft Commander with the Missouri Army National Guard, and for a number of years as Director of Intelligence for a C-130 Airlift Wing with the Missouri Air National Guard. His last assignment was as

Director of Strategic Plans and Policy for the National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia. He is currently a member of the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee and is a Retired Major General in the Air National Guard.

Awards and decorations Roger has earned:

- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Naval Achievement Medal with Valor
- Missouri National Guard 30 Year Long Service Ribbon
- Legion of Merit
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Medal with gold star and numerals "37"
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 1 device
- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
- Marine Corps Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Missouri Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Force Distinguished Service Medal

Since retirement from the military in 2007, Roger has been a private practice attorney, a prosecuting attorney, and an Associate Circuit Judge. Roger and his wife Gloria have three children. He is involved in several organizations, to include VFW, Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion.

The members of the Virginia Daughters Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend their gratitude and thanks to Roger E. Combs for his service to our country and nominate him as Patriot of the Month.