



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Patriot of the Month  
December 2013**



**Carson Ross**

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**Blue Springs Chapter**

Carson Ross graduated from Bradley County High School, Arkansas, in 1964. He attended the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri, in 1977.

Carson entered the United States Army in 1967. He was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; Ft. Polk, Louisiana; Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; and served overseas in Viet Nam. He was assigned to the Infantry and the Military Police and held the rank of Sergeant.

Medals and awards Carson earned are:

- ★ National Defense Service Medal
- ★ Good Conduct Medal
- ★ Army commendation Medal
- ★ Viet Nam Service Medal with 4 bronze service stars
- ★ Valorous Unit Award (2<sup>nd</sup> Award)
- ★ Republic of Viet Nam Gallantry Cross with PACM Unit
- ★ Republic of Viet Nam Civic Action Honor Medal 1<sup>st</sup> Class Unit
- ★ Viet Nam Campaign Medal 2/60 Device
- ★ Marksman Badge
- ★ Combat Infantry Badge

During civilian life, Carson worked for thirty-nine years for Hallmark Cards. He continued to serve his community as a Blue Springs Board of Alderman for eight years, and as Mayor Pro Tem for one year.

He served fourteen years in the Missouri House of Representatives, and was elected Mayor of the City of Blue Springs in 2008 and 2013.

Carson is a founding member and ministry leader of the Blue Ridge Church of Christ, Chairman of Blue Springs Personnel Board, President of St. Mary's Medical Center Board of Directors, former Chairman of Missouri Veterans Commission and Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Co-Chairman Eastern Jackson County Betterment Council, Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus, Little Blue Valley Sewer District Board of Trustees, former President of the Missouri Municipal League, and serves on the United Way of greater Kansas City.

Carson and his wife, Eloise, have been married over forty years. They have three daughters, Rechele, Carla, and Diana, six granddaughters, one grandson, and one great-grandson.

The members of the Blue Springs Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Carson Ross as Patriot of the Month and wish to extend gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.