

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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*B. Wayne Medley*

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Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter



Wayne entered the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from Southwest Missouri State College (now Missouri State) in March 1967. Upon completion of Transportation Officers Basic Course at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, he was assigned to the 503rd S&T Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, Frankfurt, Germany. He served as Platoon Leader, Battalion S-1 (Adjutant), and Battalion S3 before receiving orders to return to the States for additional training. Wayne then attended Cargo Officers Training at Ft. Eustis and was assigned to United States Support Thailand as Port Operations Officer for the Ammunition Port at Vayama. They supported the B-52 Air Base at U-Tapao, Thailand and the fighter bases at Korat, Udorn, Ubon, Nakhon Phanom (NKP), and Takhli. Wayne served there from May 1969 to May 1970. Upon return to the States, he was assigned as Maintenance of Way Company Commander in the 714th Transportation Battalion (Railway Operating-Steam and Diesel Electric) until June 1971. Wayne joined the Missouri National Guard as a Captain and served in several units throughout the state while a traditional Guardsman. He was selected as the Administrative Officer for the Aviation Classification and Repair Activity (Depot) (AVCRAD) unit located in Springfield, Missouri. He served there from August 1981 until January 1985 and attained the rank of Major. This was considered to be an Active Duty position while serving in the Guard/Reserve. Wayne transferred to the Missouri National Guard Headquarters in Jefferson City and served in several positions culminating as the Military Personnel Officer, Missouri National Guard.

Wayne Medley's awards and decorations include the following: National Defense Service Medal/with Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon; Missouri Conspicuous Service Medal/with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal/with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal/with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Legion of Merit.

Wayne retired from the Missouri National Guard in December 1996 at the rank of Colonel.

After retiring from the Missouri National Guard, Wayne worked with the Missouri National Guard as a state employee. His final position was as Director, Military Funeral Honors Program which he established in 1999 and ran as Director until finally retiring in June 2007. This program helps the Funeral Directory provide a Military Funeral Honors Ceremony to all Missouri veterans when requested by a family member. They coordinated/performed over 9000 ceremonies annually for Missouri veterans. Wayne is a member of Capital City Christian Church, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, and Tribe of Mic-O-Say (Honorary Warrior-Silver Eagle of the Long Knives). He is married to Donna Marie Hicks Medley. They have two sons, John and Andrew.

The Daughters of the Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter DAR are proud to nominate B. Wayne Medley as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.