

# *Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution*



## **Patriot of the Month**

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*Barry E. Morgan*

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Barry E. Morgan, a native Texan, attended Texas A&M University, receiving both a BA and MA degrees in Aerospace Engineering. Upon his graduation, he was commissioned into the United States Air Force and was assigned to Williams AFB, Arizona for pilot training. Graduating in the top of his flight school, he selected fighter jets as his choice of plane to fly. He was then assigned to Luke AFB, Arizona, for fighter training in the F-4 Phantom. As a fighter pilot, he was then assigned to Ubon RTAFB, Thailand, for a year of combat duty flying 205 missions over Vietnam. His squadron was the 433 Tactical Fighter Squadron, known as Satan's Angels, part of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, which was also known as the Wolf Pack. There he became an expert in the delivery of laser guided bombs. He also flew many missions putting sensors in enemy-occupied territory so that their movements and artillery could be detected and plotted. Although his squadron's job was primarily to put ordinance on targets, he did tangle a few times with Migs. He was next stationed at Kadena AFB, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as an instructor pilot, a flight examiner for the Standardization Evaluation Unit, and a fighter pilot.

During his military service, Barry received many commendations. He was awarded six Distinguished Flying Crosses, 17 Air Medals, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Combat Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and was selected as the air crew of the month. His military service was from 1970-76.

Barry originally planned to make the Air Force his career for he loved flying fighters. However, he finally realized what was most important in his life. As he put it, "God, in His sovereign grace, used my experiences to change my priorities. It helped me come to understand that my relationship with my family, children, and wife were more important than a career, and in that process, I also learned that God, and obedience to Him, is the most important of all."

After being discharged from the Air Force, Barry returned to Texas to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned a Master of Divinity and a PHD in New Testament Theology. Upon graduation, he moved to Hannibal, Missouri, to become a Professor of New Testament and Greek at Hannibal-LaGrange University where he served 30 years before retiring. In addition to teaching, Dr. Morgan has done pulpit supply for various churches and led conferences in Missouri, Illinois, and Iowa. He is a published author of Bible study materials and sought-after speaker.

During his teaching career, Barry has also received commendations. In 1989 he received the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award and was selected for Who's Who in America's Christian Leadership. In 1996 he was selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers and in 1999 he received the Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was included in the 2000 edition of International Who's Who of Professionals, and was awarded the Parkway Distinguished Professor Award in 2005.

Barry married his high school sweetheart, Darnelle Cunningham, who is a member of DAR. They are about to celebrate 48 years of marriage. They are the parents of two sons, both of whom are medical doctors, and enjoy being grandparents to their seven grandchildren.

The Daughters of the Hannibal Heritage Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Barry E. Morgan as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.