

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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*James E. Osborn, Jr.*

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Major James Osborn, Jr. served in the U.S. Army from 1968 - 1988. Major James Osborn, Jr. is a second generation career U.S. Army officer, born in Springfield, Missouri. His father was an Army officer, during WWII Normandy and Korea. He always knew he wanted to be an officer in the Army. He served the United States during both peace time and war time, with great courage and honor.

James received his commission through the ROTC program at SMS. Major Osborn deployed to SE ASIA as a helicopter pilot in the peoples Republic of Vietnam, completing 750 combat hours and 2800 flight hours at the time of his retirement. He has flown every helicopter except the sky crank, such as Huey, Schnook, OH 13, OH 58, OH 06, was a test pilot for the Blackhawk in 1979 all of this directly affecting the war fighting capabilities of all branches of service.

He was awarded the Vietnam Individual Cross of Gallantry for his service. During his twenty year career, Major Osborn was awarded the Bronze Star, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, and two Army Meritorious Service medals among others. After retirement from active duty, James accepted prestigious positions as senior Army instructor at Wentworth Military Academy and the JROTC at Joplin High School. He taught for twenty years.

James has been married for forty-eight years to his wife Julie, they have two children, Ralph and Julianne. They also have two grandchildren. He continues his selfless service today being the quartermaster at the Buffalo VFW. He demonstrated the best qualities of citizenship and service above self. He is a great credit to our nation, the State of Missouri, and the local community of Dallas County.

The Daughters of the Meyongo Chapter DAR are proud to nominate James E. Osborn, Jr. as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.