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Patriot of the Month

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Renee Essary United States Air Force Missouri Air National Guard



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Renee enlisted in the United States Air Force on April 13, 1982 through the Delayed Entrance Program while still in high school. After graduation, she was sent to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas where she completed Basic Training. After Basic Training, Renee was selected for technical training as a Morse Code Operator and assigned to Keesler AFB in Mississippi. Because the use of Morse Code was being phased out due to technological advances in computer science, Renee was also trained in aviation resource management. Her first duty station was Moody AFB in Georgia where she was assigned to the 347th Tactical Fighter Wing Flight Records section. She later transferred to the 69th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Squadron Operations where she attained the rank of Senior Airman E-4 and served until she was honorably discharged in May 1986.

In 1994, Renee joined the Missouri Air National Guard (MoANG) and once again served in Aviation Resource Management, assigned to the 110th Fighter Squadron of the 131st Tactical Fighter Wing. This Guard unit has a proud tradition, having been founded by Charles Lindbergh and was one of the first units established in the nation. Renee served as a Traditional Guardsman and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant E-5. In 1995, Renee's squadron participated in "Operation Provide Comfort" in Turkey. She was honorably discharged from MoANG in March 2000.

While serving in the USAF, Renee earned the Air Force Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal. While serving in the MoANG, Renee earned the Longevity Service Ribbon.

Renee serves on the O'Fallon Veterans Commission whose responsibilities include acting as the liaison between veterans and the City, planning events such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and Armed Forces Day, and maintaining the veterans' memorials throughout the community. She helped establish the St. Charles Veterans Museum and currently serves as an Executive Director.

Renee and her husband Greg, a 32-year USAF veteran and Missouri Air National Guardsman, have three sons and live in St. Peters, Missouri.

Caroline Close Stuart Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Renee Essary as Patriot of the Month for her patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation and our community.

