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Patriot of the Month

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Kenneth S. Madison United States Air Force

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Ken Madison enlisted in the United States Air Force on 22 January 1974 in Richmond, Virginia. During Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he served as Squad Leader. He was selected for Specialty Training at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he learned C-130 aircraft maintenance and served as Class Leader. His first assignment was to the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he was responsible for C-130 inspections and maintenance. He was later assigned to the 435th Tactical Airlift Wing in Rhein-Main, Germany, where he supported special operations crews. Ken returned to the US as a C-130 flight engineer assigned to the 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron. He later was assigned to Little Rock AFB in Arkansas where he was responsible for training military personnel on C-130 aircraft maintenance and was the NCO in charge of the C-130 Training Development Center. He was then transferred to the Air Mobility Command at Scott AFB in Belleville, Illinois, where he led the development of computer-based training for the command aircraft maintenance program, incorporating interactive video and audio, thus bringing new technology online for training maintenance crews.

Ken earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Medal. He also received the Air Force NCO Professional Military Education (PME) Medal with bronze cluster and was named a "distinguished graduate." Ken attained the rank of Master Sergeant E-7 and served for 20 years. He received an honorable discharge on 1 February 1994.

Ken wishes to honor one of his instructors, Tech Sergeant Joel Mayo, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, whose ultimate sacrifice in the Iran Hostage Rescue Mission at the American Embassy in September 1980, has inspired and humbled all those whose lives he touched.

Since his discharge from the Air Force, Ken has worked as an IT consultant for a wide variety of companies. Currently, Ken works as a Senior Network Engineer at Mastercard's Global Operations Center in O'Fallon, MO. In 2016, Ken started practicing yoga and began teaching after completing an 8-month instructor training program. Ken teaches all levels of yoga, beginner through advanced.

Caroline Close Stuart Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Ken Madison as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.