

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

January 2021



## Tom Peca

United States Air Force  
Missouri Air National Guard  
United States Air Force Reserve



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Tom Peca entered the US Air Force in January 1969. His Duty Stations were Rantoul, IL – Tech School; Whiteman AF Base – Minute Man Missile Tech; Naha AFB Okinawa, Japan – Civil Engineer; Forbes Field, KS – Transition; Lambert Field (MOANG 1972) – 131 TFW, Aircraft Tech; and 1980 Richards-Gebaur – US Air Force Reserves until 1995 – Civil Engineer.

Tom earned the following Accommodations: Longevity, Marksmanship, Distinguished Service, Outstanding Unit, and other Military Awards.

Tom retired from active service in May 1972 and joined the Reserves. While he was in the Reserves he traveled to many places where helped perform humanitarian projects, including in the storm ridden Central American Countries of Honduras and Guatemala. He was discharged from the Reserves in 1995 at Whiteman AFB, Missouri.

Tom jokes he joined the service to “see the world, drink beer, and chase women.” When he was stationed in Okinawa where he was introduced to a delicacy “cat & dog” which was unexpected and distasteful.

In his civilian career Tom worked as a Mechanical Engineer and Packing Consultant for Multivac Packing Corporation for twenty-two years. He is now a Technical Trainer.

He is involved in the community by participating in the following organizations: Parkville Kiwanis; Smithville American Legion Honor and Color Guard and Service Officer; Clay County Children’s Fund Board and is on their Board of Directors; Crossroads Hospice for Veterans; MODOT Adopt a Highway and attends the Platte Woods United Methodist Church.

He is married to Kay Peca. He likes to travel, build decks and says he keeps busy by doing electrical work, carpenter work, or any “handi-man” work as needed in the area.

Missouris Shoal Daughters respectfully honor E8 SM SGT Tom Peca as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism, and service to our great nation.

