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Patriot of the Month



Charles S. Serio

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Charles S. Serio was born on August 16, 1945. He graduated from his home state University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology in 1969. He earned his Master Degree in 1973 and completed his Doctoral Degree in Immunology in 1975. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His career included positions of responsibility such as: Detachment Commander, 330th General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee; Clinical Laboratory Officer and Bacteriologist with the 326th Medical Detachment, 801st General Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Chief of the Immunology Branch, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas; Microbiology Consultant to the Commanding General, 7th Medical Command; Staff Officer and Manager of Science and Technology, Medical Research

and Material Command, Fort Detrick Maryland; and Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

In 1997, Colonel Serio served as the 4th Brigade Commander at the United States Uniformed Health Services (USUHS). As Brigade Commander, he was recognized as the senior officer of the University with responsibility for command of over 1,000 members of the USUHS, representing the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Public Health service. He became an invaluable asset as a role model, teacher and mentor to over 1,500 uniformed medical, nursing, and graduate students. He provided lectures to the USUHS medical and nursing students in pathophysiology, immunology, biological warfare, and military leadership. He created a recognized Brigade command structure and curriculum in support of the USUHS mission, implemented military unique and significant programs and internationally recognized field training exercises, annually coordinated the graduation ceremonies, and monitored the USUHS strategic goal on military leadership development.

His longstanding role as a soldier, scientist, educator, and leader in both undergraduate and graduate education has supported and ensured medical readiness during more than one global conflict. Colonel Serio's influence and leadership have greatly assisted the future patients and command officers who will be served by the USUHS graduates.

Among his numerous awards are:

- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal w/3 oak leaf clusters
- Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Army Unit Award
- National Defense Service Award
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Airborne Badge
- Air Assault Badge
- Expert Field Medical Badge
- German Troop Proficiency Duty (Gold) Badge

Charles was awarded the "A" Proficiency Designator in immunology by the Army Surgeon General, the highest award given in recognition of professional accomplishment by the United States Army Medical Department. He was also selected as a member of the "Order of the Military Medical Merit," which denotes distinguished service as recognized by the senior leadership of the immunology and radio biology in both national and international journals.

Charles retired on September 5, 2005 and concluded a thirty seven year career of federal service.

In his civilian career, Charles did post doctoral training in Immunology. He worked at St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee as an Assistant Scientist and at the Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, Illinois.

He is married to Belva McCormick. They have three children and seven grandchildren. He is President of his local Missouri Rotary Club and serves on the board of the 4th Street Theatre, a historical building that is in the process of being renovated.

Belva Serio and her mother Mabel McCormick, are members of the Margaret Miller Chapter DAR.