



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Clint O. Hunt

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Rachel Donelson Chapter

Clint O. Hunt was born in Tacoma, Washington during his father's military service in the United States Army. He graduated from Willard High School, Willard, Missouri with the Class of 1986. Clint attempted to enlist on his seventeenth birthday, but his father would not sign the enlistment papers. In February, prior to graduation his father relented and signed papers for Clint to enlist in the United States Navy.

He left for Boot Camp, in Orlando, Florida six months after graduating from high school. He was assigned to Navigation Department USS-Shark (SSN-591). Clint qualified as Quartermaster of the Watch, Petty Officer of the Deck, Below Decks Watch, and

other watch stations. He was promoted to Inport Duty Section Leader. While in Orlando, he went to the Quartermaster "A" School, graduating top of class, then attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School in Groton, CT, and Navy Firefighting School, Treasure Island, CA.

While serving in the Navy he became a "Shellback" in 1988 achieved by crossing the Equator and in 1989 became a member of the Order of the Ditch when he transited the Panama Canal. While serving on the Shark sound effects and a hazardous drill were completed to be used in the movie "The Hunt for Red October." During this time Clint escorted a guy around with a big fuzzy microphone. He relates you can hear him and another guy talking if you know what to listen for but you could hear his Lieutenant clear as a bell!

Medals and Awards Clint earned are the Submarine Warfare Insignia (USS Shark SSN-591), Marksmanship Medal Pistol (Expert), Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and a CO Letter of Commendation. Clint was discharged as Petty Officer Second Class, QM2 (SS)

During civilian life Clint attended a couple of years of college, worked for his father, then was hired onto the Springfield MO Fire Department and has been with the department for eighteen years. He has been promoted to the rank of Rescue Specialist and is a member of the Technical Rescue Team, Lead Rope Rescue Instructor for the SFD, and is past Shift Water Rescue Team Leader. In 2011 Clint received the 'Everyday Hero Award' presented by the City of Springfield for above and beyond the call of duty rescuing an individual trapped underground in a sewer system.

Clint married Carla Fear in 1993 and they have three children Katherine, Joshua, and Abigail. They are members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Clint's mother is Patricia Dickens, Regent for the Rachel Donelson Chapter and State Chairman for DAR Service for Veterans. Clint has given ten years of service to the Boy Scouts of America as Den Leader, Cubmaster, and Scoutmaster. He is Wood

badge trained and a member of the Tribe of Mic O' Say and Tribe of Lone Bear. He is a graduate of BSA National Camp School "Climbing Section," and now a faculty member. Clint wrote and implemented the first Rock Climbing Instructor Training Course for the Ozarks Trails Council.

The members of the Rachel Donelson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Clint O. Hunt as Patriot of the Month and extend our gratitude and thanks for his service to our great country.