

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

October 2014



Aimee E. Meurer

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Aimee Elizabeth Meurer is a Staff Sergeant (E-5) serving in the United States Air Force. She served as a chapel guide while in boot camp. Written in a letter to her family about her experiences at the end of her 4th week of boot camp, she wrote: "Tuesday was an obstacle course. We marched 3 miles with our heavy duffel bags and ran our 1 1/2 mile obstacle! It was fun though we had 17 obstacles which 2 were over water and no, I didn't fall in. I actually finished in the top 10 of 108! Wednesday was our gas chamber all day and let me tell you, tear gas burns!"

Aimee is a Security Forces member currently in charge of confinement at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Aimee began her service in the military in February 2009. She has deployed twice to provide security, first to Saudi Arabia and second to Kuwait, each for six months. She is a member and treasurer of the Defenders Association. She has recently received a Criminal Justice Associate Degree from the United States Air Force Community College.

Her medals, awards, and citations include: Defender of the Month, October 2013, Scott AFB; NCO (Non Commissioned Officer) of the Quarter (October, November, December) 2013, Scott AFB; Achievement Medal, Distinguished Graduate Award, Academic Achievement Award, two Meritorious Unit Awards, two Outstanding Unit Awards, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Aimee is the daughter of Michelle Russ Meurer and granddaughter of Susan Bailey Russ (Saint Charles Chapter, NSDAR). At the airport, after bidding farewell to Aimee the day she left for boot camp, Aimee's family came home to find the following email: **"By Guys, Love you! Love, Aimee"** Susan called Aimee her "US Flag Girl" when she was growing up, because Aimee was excited to show Susan her new shirt with the American Flag in the design.

In 2010, the O'Fallon Chapter, NSDAR recognized Aimee as a "Woman in American History." In 2012, the Caroline Close Stuart Chapter, NSDAR sent personal care and gift items to Aimee and her unit while they were deployed. The family appreciates the support of these NSDAR Chapters of our daughter and granddaughter.

The members of the Saint Charles Chapter, NSDAR are proud to nominate Aimee Elizabeth Meurer as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for her service to our nation.