

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Ivan L. Waite

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Ivan Waite was born and reared in the town of Wheeling, Livingston County, Missouri. He graduated from Wheeling High School as valedictorian in May 1948 and attended Northwest Missouri State College for one semester. His education was continued throughout his life, and he was awarded an honorary bachelor degree from Park University at the 50th year class reunion in June 2010.

In July 1950 Ivan enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF) and began active duty in December 1950. Upon arrival at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he was assigned to clerical duties until mid-March and then entered basic training for six weeks. He served as a squad leader of 24 men during basic training. After completing a personal background investigation, Ivan was granted a top secret security clearance in the spring of 1952. In early summer he was assigned 90 day temporary duty with USAF office of special investigations in Washington, D.C. In the summers of 1953 and 1954 Ivan was assigned to the office of press secretary of the "summer White House" of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. SSgt. Ivan Waite was honorably discharged in December 1954. From 1955-1963 Ivan was an active reservist in the USAF and employed by the USAF Reserve in Kansas City, Missouri with the 442 Troop Carrier Wing at Richards-Gebaur AFB in Grandview, Missouri as a technical sergeant.

Kansas City appointed Ivan as a public servant for 27 years at the administrative capacity. Ivan retired as Chief Deputy City Clerk. He has a long list of professional and volunteer positions that he has served as leader. Ivan served as an officer for many years for the Association of Records Managers and Administrators, International. From 2003-2008 Ivan served as an elected city councilman for the city of Raymore, Missouri. As an active volunteer, he is a member and officer of Citizens Crusade Against Crime in Kansas City, Missouri. Today you will find Ivan busy assisting the executive producer of FSTV at Foxwood Springs, Raymore, Missouri.

Ivan is the father of three grown children, grandfather to five granddaughters who all have families, and one grandson who he says is a "fine young fellow." Mr. Waite is very appreciative of the honor of participating in an Honor flight afforded him by the Prairie Chapter,

The Daughters of the Prairie Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Ivan L. Waite as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.