

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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Carl C. Bischof, Jr.

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Mary Hempstead Lisa Chapter



Carl Bischof entered the United States Navy on 20 September 1951 in Louisville, Kentucky, having witnessed his two older brothers serve in the Navy during World War II. He was sent to Electronic Technician School in San Francisco, California from January to October 1952. Carl was assigned to the destroyer USS Alfred A. Cunningham, DD-752 where he was given responsibility for maintenance of all electronic facilities including radar and communications. During its WesPac deployments in 1953 and 1954, the Cunningham served as an escort for the heavy cruiser, USS Bremerton and performed patrol duties in the Taiwan Strait as part of the Korean War effort. While assigned to the Cunningham in 1955, Carl received a certificate for his participation in Operation Wigwam, the detonation of an underwater atomic bomb meant to determine its effectiveness as an anti-submarine weapon. He also received the Good Conduct and National Defense medals before his discharge on 6 September 1955. Carl was transferred to the U.S. Navy Reserve until 19 September 1959.

After his Navy service, Carl returned to the University of Kentucky where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in January 1958. He started his career with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, later to be known as the Federal Aviation Administration. He held positions as an electronic field engineer, project manager and program manager in New York and Washington, D.C., before his assignments as Sector Manager in Roanoke, Virginia and Manager in Norfolk, Virginia, responsible for navigation, radar, and communication facilities. Carl retired from the FAA in 1994 with nearly 40 years of combined military and government service.

Carl and his wife Winnie raised seven children, sending them all through Virginia Tech. They received a special proclamation from the university with the acknowledgement that their tuition payments spanned 18 years, with multiple children attending at any given time. In his retirement Carl spent many years volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, building and repairing houses for the needy. Active in their church, Carl and Winnie serve the community by participating in many ministries. Carl is most proud of his work supporting the homeless, when a group of six men prepare and serve breakfast to the homeless, often numbering 75-100 people, many veterans, themselves. The men arrive at church at 4:30 in the morning to be ready to serve at 6:00 am.

The Daughters of the Mary Hempstead Lisa Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Carl C. Bischof, Jr. as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.