

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Kenton R. Lewis

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Kenton enlisted in the Army in March 1983 before graduating from Alton Missouri High School in May 1983. While in the military he received his BA with a major in Criminal Justice in 1996. He received basic training and AIT at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. He later attended schools at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina (Airborne School); Ft. Campbell, Kentucky (Air Assault School); Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Sniper School) as well as schools at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Places he was stationed at during his 19 years of being in the Army were Ft. Lew, Washington, Ft. Hood, Texas, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and in Germany for three tours. He was a military policeman for 13 years and 9 months and a unit supply specialist for 5 years and 3 months.

SFC Lewis received many awards and among them were the Purple Heart X 2, Bronze Star X 3, Army Commendation Medal with 9 oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Unit Commendation with 4 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 1 silver leaf cluster and 6 oak leaf clusters.

He participated in the following tours in a combat zone: Honduras as a sniper on both El Salvador and Nicaragua Borders – Invasion of Panama – Desert Storm in Kuwait and Iraq – Cuban Refugee Crisis – Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia – Bosnian War (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Republic of Serbian Krajina and Yugoslavia.

After being honorably discharged as a SFC (E-7) at Bad Kreuznach, Germany in 2001, he moved to Moberly to work for the State of Missouri for seven years, then left there to work for the Boone County Sheriff's Department.

He was married to Tammy Henderson of West Plains, Missouri, on May 17, 1986, and they have three children. He is a member of the Moberly VFW, Lions Club, and the Masonic Lodge.

The Daughters of the Armstrong Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Kenton R. Lewis as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.