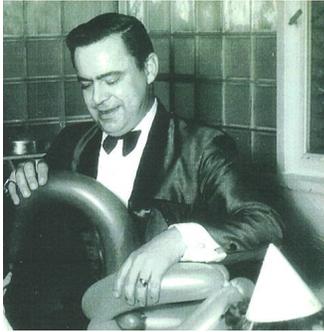


# *Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution*



## **Patriot of the Month**

February 2016



*Marlin Legault*

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Our patriot, Marlin Legault, was born in the small town of Malone, New York, a town so small “that even the people who live there don’t know where it is.” At the young age of sixteen, Marlin got his parents’ approval, and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, which later became the U.S. Air Force on February 14, 1947. He just missed WWII, but would go on to have a long and distinguished career, serving in Korea as well as Vietnam.

While in the service Marlin had many jobs. He served as a control tower operator, a weather forecaster, a GCA radar operator, and from 1951- 1972 he was an Air Force flight inspector. While in this capacity, he had the opportunity to travel to all 50 states and Canada. During Vietnam, he was stationed in the Philippines. His unit would fly missions into Vietnam to do their flight inspections for three weeks at a time and would then return to base to repair their planes.

Marlin was also active with the USO. He and his wife Frances traveled with the group as a magic act. He was also able to take his magic to hospitals, where he would entertain the children.

After twenty-five years in the service, and after achieving the rank of E6, Marlin retired in June of 1972. For his service he was awarded the Air Force Flying Cross, 19 Air medals, Combat Rated S medals, and Vietnam Service Ribbons, to name but a few.

After leaving the military, Marlin held various jobs before starting at Wilcox Electronics. He ended up doing the same type of work for them as he did when he was in the service. Today, he is an active member of the local VFW Post 4055, where he is in charge of the Honor Guard, as well as serving at various functions for his church, XII Apostles. He and his wife have been married nearly sixty-five years and have nine children, around twenty grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Marlin is still very concerned for veterans and their families. He designed and raised the funds for the veterans memorial on the lawn of the Platte County Courthouse, and said he is dedicating the rest of his life to helping veterans navigate the VA system.

The Daughters of the Platte Purchase Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Marlin Legault as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.