

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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Thomas "Tom" Larner
United States Marine Corps
United States Air Force

Thomas "Tom" Larner enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in April 1962, just prior to graduating from high school. He went to basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and then on to Combat Infantry Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. He served in Vietnam during 1965-1966. He was discharged in April 1966 after serving four years in the Marine Corps.

After being out of the service for two years, Tom enlisted in the United States Air Force in February 1968. At Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, he attended Aircraft Technical Training. While in the Air Force, he was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico; Yokota Air Base, Japan; McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. His last assignment was at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland where he was attached to the Presidential Support Unit. He was discharged from the Air Force with the rank of Technical Sergeant at Andrews Air Force Base on September 21, 1984. Tom served in the Air Force for 16 years and seven months.

Tom received the following medals while in the military:

- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
- Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
- Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon w/4 Oak Leaf Clusters
- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/4 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Tom is married to the former Sharon K. Palmatory. He is very active at his local Church where he is a board member. He is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Air Force Sergeants Association, Disabled American Veterans and serves on the board of his local Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Armstrong Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Tom Larner as Patriot of the Month for his service and dedication to our great nation.