

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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Randall Ottinger

United States Army

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Randall was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve in 1970. He entered into active duty in 1971 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he attended the Basic Officer Course. In early fall 1971, Randall began Army flight training at Fort Wolters, Texas. At the end of the year, he continued flight training at Fort Rucker, Alabama where he completed and graduated his flight training. In 1972, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he served as a section leader A-377th Aviation Company. He was released from active duty to the Army Reserve in 1973. As a member of the Army Reserve during 1974-1995 he served as Company Commander, Platoon Leader, Instructor Pilot, Safety Officer, and Maintenance Test Pilot.

In 1995 to 2010 he served in the Illinois Army National Guard (ILARNG). He served in various positions to include the Illinois Army State Aviation Safety Officer. While assigned to the ILARNG he had various assignments out of the country including Guyana, South America, El Salvador, Central America, Iceland, and numerous temporary assignments in various parts of the United States. Late 2003 through early 2005 he was mobilized for combat duty in Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Randall's medals and awards include: Master Army Wings, Combat Action Badge, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Ribbon w/2 bronze service stars, and various Service Ribbons. He received a General Officer Letter of Commendation for service while assigned in the combat zone in Iraq.

Very meaningful experiences for Randall were serving our country in combat in Iraq and flying combat mission with his son who is also an Army Helicopter Pilot.

As a Chief Warrant Officer 5, Randall retired in 2010 from the Illinois Army National Guard.

His civilian career was a dual career with his military career. For several years he was part owner of a Direct Mail Advertising Company that processed advertising mail and publications for reduced postal rates. During the 1990's working as an Aviation Safety Analyst with a Research Corporation he managed an engineering UH-60 safety program for the United States Army Systems Command. Currently he is an Aviation Safety Inspector, Inspector Pilot-Program Management-Aviation Accident Inspector-Surveillance of various commercial Aviation Companies.

Randall is active in various Masonic organizations. He is a Master Mason-33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason-Past Potentate Moolah Shrine Temple, and Past Board of Director member Shriners Hospitals for Children. He is also a member of the Quiet Birdman pilot organization and an active member of his local United of Christ Church. He is a member of the Sappington Historical Society and co-chairman for the annual Memorial Day service.

Randall is married to Michele and they have two sons and two grandchildren.

Webster Groves Daughters are very proud and honored to recognize Randall Ottinger as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotism and service to our great nation.