

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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Michael "Mike" Lewis  
Legg

United States Air Force

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Mike was born and raised in Illinois. After graduating high school, he attended his state university and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. In his junior year at the university, Mike worked on the flight line at the local airport for a Fixed Base Operator. This is where he fell in love with flying and earned his pilot's license.

Michael "Mike" Lewis Legg enlisted in the United States Air Force in February 1969. Mike's draft lottery number was two; he felt the better choice was enlisting in the Air Force.

His first station was Lackland Air Force Base for officers training from July to September 1969, where he obtained the rank of Second Lieutenant. Next he was sent to Laredo Air Force Base for pilot training from September to November, 1970. Mike flew a KC-135 Aerial Refueler out of Travis Air Force Base and was on a three month rotation to Thailand for refueling combat aircraft over Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

He was discharged in November 1974, from Travis Air Force Base and went on to obtain a civilian flight instructor's certificate.

Mike's Travis unit received a Presidential Unit citation. Personally, Mike felt his greatest honor was to be awarded the Air Medal w/oak leaf cluster.

After serving in the military, Mike went to work in Missouri with the Missouri Pacific Railroad in the purchasing department. He received a Master of Business Administration in Finance from his local university. When the Union Pacific and the Missouri Pacific railroads merged, Mike was transferred to Nebraska. Upon retirement from the Union Pacific, Mike decided his railroad career wasn't over yet and he took a position in Missouri, this time with the Kansas City Southern Railroad.

He is married to Debbie and they have two daughters and a granddaughter.

While living in Nebraska, Mike was State President of Youth Soccer and volunteered with West Omaha-Gladiator Soccer Club. He is a member of the William C. Corum Chapter National Society Sons of the American Revolution and currently serves as Chapter Chaplain.

Alexander Doniphan Daughters are proud to nominate Michael "Mike" Lewis Legg as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.