



**Missouri State Society
Daughters of the American
Revolution**

PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: Nicholas J. Clones, Lt. Col. US Air Force (Ret)



Nicholas Clones parents had become naturalized American citizens. After he was born, in 1928, the family went to Greece to show off their new baby, and stayed for a few years. When war broke out in 1939, they were unable to leave the country. Nicholas' father was ill and dying. In 1945, Nicholas, his brother, Angelo, and their mother returned to the United States, settling in Indianapolis.

Nicholas joined the US Air Force in 1952, after completing a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Purdue University, in West Lafayette, Indiana, and is also a graduate of the Air War College. His job in the Air Force was in intelligence, where he served in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; Scott AFB, Illinois; Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota; Patrick AFB, Florida, and Vietnam.

He returned stateside, went into the reserves, and joined the AVSCOM team at Goodfellow in St. Louis. In his job there, he was involved with the UH1's (helicopters). He retired in 1989 from both his civilian job and the Air Force.

He received the Air Force Commendation medal and the Vietnam ribbon.

He has written a book entitled *Guerilla Warfare-Analysis's and Projections; 1972; Terrorist/Guerilla Warfare from Napoleon to Today*. West Point and the Air War College used the book as a textbook. He is an authority on terrorism and has been published in *Eastern Europe* magazine, as well as other publications.

Nicholas married Betty Hayden in 1965 and they had three children and three grandchildren. Betty died in 1992 and he married Sue Steidle in 2003.

Nicholas is an active member of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Parish in St. Louis. His hobbies are duck and goose hunting. He is a lifetime member of the NRA. He travels extensively – Finland and Alaska are his favorite places to visit. He loves to read, especially about politics, here and abroad.

Eugenia (Kukla) Finnegan, of the St. Charles Chapter, proudly nominated her father for Patriot of the Month. She wrote that her dad has influenced her more about love of country and patriotism than any other person. She wrote:

“His admiration for this country, our rights, our life, our freedom, will be a constant reminder to me to share this with my son.”



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