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Larry Teague

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Larry Teague graduated from Bunker High School in Bunker, Missouri, in 1962. He worked for a music store and for the International Shoe Factory in Salem, Missouri. He played music on a radio program on KSMO in Salem, and recorded two 45rpm records in Nashville.

Upon entering the U.S. Air Force in 1965, Larry went through the Administrative Specialist Course in Amarillo AFB, Texas, and then through loadmaster training for the C130 in Okinawa.

At the time when North Korea captured the USS Pueblo in 1968, Larry was assigned to Detachment 55 of the 7<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron and was sent to Osan Air Base, Korea as support personnel to help load and offload equipment supporting the mission dealing with the capture. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his performance of duty during this time. He also received the Air Medal for service while on a flight assigned to drop supplies over Kasson Air Base, Viet Nam which was being attacked by enemy troops. The aircraft Larry was on was hit six times by enemy machine gun fire while airdropping 38,000 pounds of ammunition.

Not only was Larry involved with his assigned duties he also helped entertain the troops with a country music band while on Okinawa. A number of top country music stars from the US also came to entertain and the band played with them.

As an E3, Larry was honorably discharged in February 1969. He worked for the Dixie Electrotpe in Nashville and played bass fiddle in a bluegrass band. He became a department manager at the Springfield News-Leader and for 32 years supervised the procedures of plate making and toning of pictures and ads for publication. Larry retired from the News-Leader in 2005. He continued over the years to play and travel with a variety of bluegrass bands.

Larry and Margaret Louise Reagan married in April 1969. Margaret is a member of the Rachel Donelson Chapter, DAR. Their children are Shawn and Monique, and they have four grandsons. Larry has been very involved with scouting as a cub master and a Webelos leader. He has also volunteered as an Indian Guide Leader, and a band booster treasurer.

The Rachel Donelson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to honor Larry Teague as their MSSDAR Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude and thanks for his service to our wonderful country.