



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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David Kloppenborg

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David and his identical twin brother, Nason, were born December 3, 1961 in Iowa City, Iowa. David served four years in the Marines, five years in the Iowa National Guard, and two years in the Kansas National Guard before ending his military career by serving thirteen years in the Army Reserves.

While in the USMC David was an avionics technician and stationed at MCAS El Toro, California. He was sent on a sixth month deployment to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, then served outside Perth, Australia, and, also, Subic Bay Naval Station in the Philippines. While in the Iowa National Guard, he belonged to Co. C, 234th Signal Battalion in Marshalltown, Iowa. The highlight of that was spending two weeks in Germany on a field exercise. In the Kansas National Guard, David belonged to a helicopter company based in Topeka, Kansas. In 2003 he was deployed to Iraq as a truck driver (88M). He drove in missions all over Iraq: Baghdad, Kirkuk, Tel Afar, Tikrit and everywhere in between. David was deployed for 15 months and returned home in August 2004. In 2009 he was deployed with the 561st Movement Control Team to Mosul, Iraq. While there he was the NCOIC at

the Air Terminal at the Mosul Airport overseeing all departures and arrivals of people and material. David retired in 2010.

Awards and Medals earned:

- Bronze Star
- Army Commendation Medal with Valor (2)
- Army Achievement Medal (3)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (2)
- National Defense Service Medal (2)
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star
- Overseas Service Ribbon (2)
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal
- USMC Overseas Deployment Ribbon
- USMC Good Conduct Medal

David married Melanie Kloppenborg and they have one son, Caleb, and two stepchildren Sarah and Andrew Hoxworth. They attend the First Christian Church. David received a BS in American History from the University of Iowa and a MS in Museum Studies from KU. Through his service David developed his sense of discipline, organizations skills, and leadership abilities. He continues serving those who served in the Military as Director of Volunteer Services at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon. The establishment of the annual poker run is his proudest accomplishment as the event nets about \$3,000 which is then used to provide funds for activities for the residents.

David has also been involved in his community being a founding member of the Rebel's Bluff Troupe and the Mt. Vernon Community Theatre. He is a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

The members of the Elk Horn Prairie Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend their gratitude and thanks to David Kloppenborg for his service to our great country and are pleased to honor him as the MSSDAR Patriot of the Month.