



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Edmund Tracy Beckette

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Edmund Tracy Beckette was born on July 10, 1947 in St. Louis, Missouri. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1969, and Masters of Business Administration in 1972 from St. Louis University.

He was commissioned through ROTC at Washington University, St. Louis, MO on June 3, 1971 in the Army Reserve as a Second Lieutenant of Armor. From 1973 to 1975 he served on active duty at Ft Knox, Kentucky, with the 5th Training Brigade as a Training Officer and Assistant Brigade S-4 Logistics Officer. From 1975 to 2005 he served with the Missouri Army National Guard in positions to include Company Commander, Battalion S-4, S-3, Brigade S-1, Operations Officer, Plans Officer, and Area Damage Control Officer, Commander 1138th Engineer Battalion, Commander 70th Troop Command, Deputy STARC Commander, and Commander 35th Engineer Brigade. He is a 1998 graduate of the US Army War College and was confirmed by the US Senate for promotion to Major General on 23 June 2003. General Beckette also served as Chairman of

the Readiness Sub-Committee for the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee (ARFPC) Pentagon in 2003 to 2005. February 2013 General Beckett was appointed as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) Missouri East. General Beckett retired in 2005.

General Beckett's awards and decorations include:

- ★ Legion of Merit
- ★ Meritorious Service Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
- ★ Army Commendation Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
- ★ Army Achievement Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
- ★ Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
- ★ National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Service Star)
- ★ Armed Forces Reserve Medal (1 Silver Hourglass Device)
- ★ Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
- ★ Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (with numeral 6)
- ★ Missouri Commendation Ribbon (2 Awards)
- ★ the Missouri National Guard Long Service Ribbon (25 Years)
- ★ the Silver Order of the De Fleury Medal from the Army Engineer Association
- ★ the 2009 recipient of the National Guard Association's "Patrick Henry Award".

Simultaneously with his military career, General Beckett has served the St. Louis business community as a banker for 42 years. He is currently the Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of a local bank. He and his wife, Cathy have four children and four grandchildren. One son is a Lt. Commander in the US Navy.

General Beckett serves as the State Chairman of the Missouri Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). He also serves as Chairman of the Executive Advisory Subcommittee for the National Committee (ESGR). The ESGR holds a breakfast weekly and sometimes multi weekly for Retired Military looking for jobs and gives them guidance in finding positions.

They also help them with resumes and ways of conducting themselves for job interviews.

General Beckett's military affiliations include the Missouri National Guard Association, the Association of the United States Army, the US Army War College Alumni Association, and the Military Officers Association of America. Civic affiliations are the Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri where he has served as past President, Treasurer and on the Executive Committee. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Managers for the Mid-County YMCA, he also serves with the St. Louis University Service Leadership Program Advisory Board, the St. Louis University John Cook School of Business Smurfit-Stone Center for Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, the Missouri Athletic Club, and is Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

The members of the O'Fallon Chapter are pleased to honor E. Tracy Beckett as their Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot of the Month. They wish to extend gratitude and thanks for his service to our great country.