

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Larry C. Hartnett

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Larry Hartnett was born in Clayton, Missouri, during the time when Clayton was considered a rural community, mostly farmland. He is the youngest of ten children. His father was Irish, and his mother was German. A tall skyscraper now stands where the former family home stood at 232 South Meramec. A trolley car traveled the street in front of the house. Larry's father was an editor and publisher for the St. Louis County Watchman-Advocate. He died when Larry was ten. His mother had her "hands full" after their father died; however, the family learned to help each other. They set many good examples, and Larry grew up in a loving home. Three of his brothers served in WWII, and two received the Purple Heart.

When Larry was inducted on January 8, 1951, into the U.S. Army Reserve, he was ordered to Union Station, St. Louis, Missouri, to undergo a medical exam. When the exam was completed, Larry was given his train number and told to remain in place. Larry's brother brought him toiletries and retrieved his car. Larry was sent to Germany for a journey which would last two years. During his service, he worked in a clerical position in the base offices and continued his training during the Korean conflict. In December 1952, he was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve, St. Louis.

Larry was honorably discharged on October 8, 1956, and went back to the work he knew as a title examiner in Clayton, Missouri. Forty years later, he retired from title work as the vice president of Missouri Title Company.

In 1954, Larry married Marilyn Risinger, and they celebrate 60 years of marriage this year. They have three children, eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

When Larry was still able, he could be found among his flowers in the garden. He loves Sunday afternoons, a good movie, and a bowl of popcorn. His favorite motto is "to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am." His family thinks of him as a kind man, devoted to his family and church.

The Daughters of the Caroline Close Stuart Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Larry Hartnett as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude and appreciation for his patriotic service and commitment to our nation.