

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



## Patriot of the Month

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Robert Jean Beyer

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Robert Jean Beyer was commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the Army from ROTC at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He entered active-duty at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, in July 1954. He graduated Ranger School, Field Artillery Officers Basic and Advanced courses, and received Nuclear Weapons Employment certification. He worked as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Stephens College, and Columbia College. He served three years in Germany, three years in Korea, one year in Vietnam, and two years in Alaska.

Jean received the following medals and ribbons for his service: Ranger Tab, Bronze Star (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Command Medal (3 awards), Civilian Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medals, various service ribbons.

He retired in December 1980 from Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. After retirement, he served as the Senior Army Instructor with the JRTOC in Kansas City School District (Northeast and Southwest High Schools) for fifteen years.

He is currently a member of the following: Lexington Chamber of Commerce/Board of Directors, Rotary Club, American Legion, Post 60 – Post Commander, VFW Post 4052, Turner Society, Lexington Elk's Lodge, Historical Society of Lexington, and the Community Betterment Association.

Jean Beyer is an outstanding pillar of the Lexington community. He has taken an active part in all of the organizations that he belongs to, having served as Post Commander of the American Legion for several terms. His weekly column in the *Lexington News*, "The Way I See It," covers current events and memories from the past, some of which are quite humorous and some that are in memory of individuals and past events.

Jean was the “mind behind” starting the annual Freedom Walk , a civic event each Patriot Day, which is held on September 11 in memory of the tragic events of that day. The Lexington Middle School is dismissed, and each student is given a flag to carry. The Wentworth Military Academy’s Honor Guard and sometimes the entire Cadet Corps participate in the walk. The Freedom Walk starts approximately three blocks from the Lexington War Memorial and stops there. A benediction is given by a local minister followed by a speaker. It is a memorable service and a wonderful tribute to the fallen heroes of 9/11. Jean’s idea to have a “Sounding of the Drums,” a patriotic event in memory of veterans, in Lexington, came to him when he and his wife, Jan, were in London on a visit and watched the Changing of the Guards. Jean is also an inspiring speaker and in much demand for his talks. He is the recipient of the Missouri Lt. Governor’s Veterans of the Year Award (one of twenty-six in the state). He has managed several restaurants including the Golden Ox in Kansas City. He and his wife, Jan, enjoy their Lexington home.

The Daughters of the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Robert Jean Beyer as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.