

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Frederic Kent Egy

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Kent entered military service through the Army ROTC at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1967. He received basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He deferred active duty to complete MBA at UMKC. He received his commission upon completing OBC (Officers Basic Course) at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. His first active duty assignment was at Ft. Riley, Kansas, with the Big Red One, but lived off-base in Manhattan, Kansas, in 1969. While he was there he participated in REFORGER (Reduction of Forces in Germany). Upon returning to Ft. Riley, he received orders to Vietnam as a FO (Forward Observer) for an artillery battalion. He left for Vietnam from Kansas City, Missouri, on January 1, 1970. He was reassigned to II Regional Assistance Command RBN, headquartered in Na Trang, Vietnam. There he served as the Assistant Operations Officer, General Staff of the 201st Aviation Company, answering to General DeWitt Armstrong.

Kent received the Bronze Star from General Armstrong in September, 1971. (Photo above) He was discharged from active duty in October 1971, and returned to Kansas City, Missouri.

Kent worked for BMA (Business Mens Assurance) from 1972-1997 in Kansas City. He joined the Robert D. O'Byrne & Associates as a sales rep/recruiter in 1972. He transferred to the home office as VIP Western Region in 1983. He became the Manager/Owner of Midwest Benefits Group, Inc. dealing in employee benefits until retirement. He served as an Honorary Coach for the NAIA for several years while at BMA. He is a lifetime member of SERTOMA, and past president of the Downtown Kansas City chapter. He was the chairman and director of the 1998 SERTOMA Balloon Fest, a not-for profit fund raiser. He has been on the advisory board of the Kansas City Airshow since 1999. He is a lifetime member of VFW and past commander of Post 398. He is a past board member of the Deaf Cultural Center. He is a past board member of MAYAA (Mid America Youth in Aviation). He is a past board member of the Sigma Chi House Corporation of the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is a past board member of Weld Wheels, Inc., and past chairman of the board of Weld Racing. He is a past board member of the Blue Springs Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall, and past board member of Veterans Way Memorial. He has been involved in Honor Flight and has escorted veterans to the WWII Memorial in Washington DC. He is retired from racing Audi Quattros. He continues to be involved in the Boy Scouts, especially the Eagle Scouts. He is a member of the Blue Springs Rotary. He is a Shriner. He has been married for 45 years to his wife, Melissa. He has two daughters. One daughter, husband, granddaughter and grandson live in Palo Alto, California, and another daughter, husband, and two grandsons live in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Daughters of the Blue Springs Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Kent Egy as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.