

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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Gerald H. Ellis

United States Air Force

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Gerald Ellis enlisted in the United States Air Force in October 1970 completing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX and technical training at Kessler Air Force Base MS. Additional duty stations included New York, Guam, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Texas, California and South Dakota before eventually being assigned to Whiteman AFB, MO.

Gerry attended Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (Minuteman II) Launch Officer training and served as Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, Combat Crew Commander, Combat Crew Evaluator, Emergency War Order Instructor, Missile Wing Operations Training Manager and Assistant Operations Officer.

For his service, Gerry received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal (3 oak leaf clusters), Air Force Achievement Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Readiness Medal and Overseas Service Ribbon among others.

In civilian life, Gerry taught various courses at several colleges as an Adjunct Professor, later accepting the position of Associate Director of Career Services for DeVry University and retiring after 18 years as Director of Career Services. He and his wife Brenda have five children, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Prairie Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Captain Gerald H. Ellis as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and dedication service to our great nation.

