

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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Lee Gustin

United States Navy

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Lee Gustin served in the Navy for four years and in the Navy Reserve for two years. His time in the Navy paid off by allowing him to attend culinary school in Philadelphia. Although Lee is a chef by trade, his military roots run deep. His father served in the Air Force, and Lee enlisted in the Navy in 1984. This was a unique time in our country, as there was a long stretch of peace. Lee had a lot of restaurant experience, but he wanted to try out a different side of the Navy. He worked in aviation supply and helped with distribution of large engines. He would send them out for reparations and put them back together. Lee obtained the rank of Petty Officer.



Lee used his chef training and military experiences in civilian life. He ordered supplies and ran the kitchens for convention centers, hotels, athletic facilities and a winery. He traveled the country and helped "fix" kitchens that were overspending or needed assistance.

Currently, Lee is the owner and chef of the Blue CNN Anchor restaurant. Chef Lee is an active member of Warrenton Downtown Association, Chamber of Commerce, Wright City Board of Directors for Chamber of Commerce. He also was a teacher at the Dierbergs School of Cooking.

Chef Lee shared a piece of advice for others: "In time of peace, you prepare for war", something he found helpful and a driving inspiration in his military and culinary careers.

Lee and his wife, Tammy, have one son and two stepchildren.

Thomas Kennedy Daughters are very proud of Petty Officer Lee Gustin and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.