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Patriot of the Month

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James A. Atchison
United States Air Force



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James A. Atchison enlisted in the United States Air Force on March 19, 1969. He was sent to Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas for basic training and officer training service. His primary duty station was a radar squadron at Fort Fisher AFB in North Carolina. Jim's title was a Weapons Controller. He controlled fighter aircraft while sitting in a dark room communicating with the pilots. His duty was that of an early warning system with the responsibility of protecting our country should we be attacked.



He and his wife, Charlotte, had the opportunity to meet a bunch of great people who have become lifelong friends. They were active in activities on base as well as the Methodist Church in Carolina Beach, North Carolina,

After discharge, Jim completed his master's degree in Agriculture Economics at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. They moved to Caruthersville, Missouri in 1971 where he began a career in banking. He was a banker for more than 32 years with more than half of that as president of the Bank of Hayti.

Jim has been very involved in the Caruthersville and Pemiscot County community. He was the Presiding County Commissioner for 8 years. He and Charlotte have been active members of Eastwood Memorial United Methodist Church since their arrival in Caruthersville, serving as youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, members of the Admin Board and Council on Ministries. Jim has been a member of many other community organizations including the Rotary Club, the Caruthersville Area Arts Council, the Southeast Missouri Workforce Investment Board and many others.

Jim is currently the Commander for the 101 year old American Legion Post #88.

He and his wife of 52 years have two grown daughters and five grandchildren.

Gayoso Daughters respectfully honor James A. Atchison as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism, and service to our great nation.