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Patriot of the Month

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Stephanie “Stevie” Riley

Missouri Air National Guard

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Stephanie “Stevie” Riley enlisted in the Missouri Air National Guard (MoANG) on 18 July 1972 at Lambert Field in St. Louis, Missouri. After Basic Training, she was selected for technical training and became an Aerospace Medicine Technician, providing flight physicals and evaluations for pilots, officers, and flight crews of the 131st Tactical Fighter Wing. After five years in this position, Stevie accepted assignments in financial administration, and later in life support, which entailed maintaining, storing, and issuing equipment used by the flight crews. She later was assigned to the Services Unit.



In 1998-1999, Stevie’s guard unit was deployed to Saudi Arabia, and in 2001, after 9/11, they were deployed to Kuwait. In 2006, she was again deployed to the Middle East, this time as part of a guard team in Qatar. She later served on a humanitarian mission to Costa Rica. She also served on the MoANG Honor Guard, providing military funeral honors to those who have served.

Stevie earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Medal. She attained the rank of Senior Master Sergeant E-8 and served in the MoANG for 35 ½ years, 22 years of which were as an Active Guard and Reserve (AGR). She retired on 31 December 2007 with an active duty retirement.

While serving in the Middle East, Stevie experienced first-hand the restrictions and limitations placed on women, making her acutely aware of and so appreciative of the personal freedoms, opportunities and advantages enjoyed by women in the United States and what our Country stands for – freedom, equality and opportunity.

Stevie serves on the O’Fallon Veterans Commission whose responsibilities include advising the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator on Veterans Affairs, as well as planning ceremonies and events honoring veterans and maintaining the veterans’ memorials throughout the community. She also serves in the O’Fallon Veterans Affairs Office, assisting veterans in securing benefits, requesting service records, and answering a myriad of questions for veterans and their families. Stevie also volunteers at the St. Charles Veterans Museum in O’Fallon.

Caroline Close Stuart Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Stevie Riley as Patriot of the Month for her patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation and our community.