

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

June 2021

Charles (Pat) Jefferson

United States Army

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Mr. Charles (Pat) Jefferson entered the United States Army on June 26, 1958 and was discharged on April 14, 1961. He had enlisted with a number of men under a program where, after boot camp at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, they would be assigned as a crewman at a Nike anti-aircraft missile site in Washington, DC for a least one year.

Eventually, he was transferred to Thule, Greenland. The site where he was assigned was across the bay from the Air Force base. He clearly remembers how cold it was in Greenland and, in the winter time, the bay would freeze over and a road was scraped from the ice to allow big trucks to cross from one side to the other.

Before he entered the service, he had started work for the Norfolk and Western Railroad, based in Roanoke, VA, his hometown. He took a leave from work to enter the service and returned to this company upon his discharge. He worked for the railroad for forty-two years in various capacities including auditing freight charges. Once he and his wife, who was a pharmacist, decided to retire, they returned to her hometown, St. Charles.

Mr. Jefferson is a member of the Fernando de Leyba Sons of the American Revolution Chapter and has verified sixteen patriots, to date.

Saint Charles Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Charles (Pat) Jefferson as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.