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Patriot of the Month

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## Jeffrey R. Penfield

### United States Navy

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Rear Admiral Jeffrey Penfield, a son of a USAF officer, attended high school and college in Wichita, KS. He joined the Navy in 1980 while attending Wichita State University. After graduating in 1982, he attended the Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in October 1982. He earned his Navy Wings of Gold in June 1984. His operational assignments include Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 136 as a plankowner, VFA-94 and command of VFA-115. While in command, he deployed on the maiden F/A-18E Super Hornet cruise participating in Operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch and the initial combat phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His shore assignments include Training Squadron (VX) 5, the Super Hornet Fleet Introduction Team and VX-9 where he was the operational test director for the F/A-18E/F operational evaluation.

His assignments as an acquisition professional include program manager air (PMA) 265, the F/A-18 & EA-18G Program Office; command of PMA-259, the Navy's Air-to-Air Missile Program Office; command of PMA-268, the Navy Unmanned Combat Aerial System Program Office; and assignment to the Naval Air Systems Command staff working Integration and Operability initiatives.

Penfield's flag assignments were commander, Fleet Readiness Centers and commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force.

Penfield retired from the Navy on 01 September 2016 after 34 years of service.

Penfield has over 4,000 flight hours and 750 carrier landings. He has been recognized as the 1995 Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific Fleet Pilot of the Year and the National Defense Industrial Association Navy Military Tester of the Year for 1999. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Air Medal (six awards, one individual with combat V/five Strike Flight), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards, one with combat V), and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Awards along with various other personal, unit and service medals.

Penfield is current serving as the Chairman of the Commissioning Committee's for the USS *KANSAS CITY* LCS-22 and the USS *WICHITA* LCS-13, the President of the Greater Kansas City Friends of Fisher House, and President of the Navy League's Central Area of the Midwest Region. He is a board member of Camp Valor Outdoors, and the Greater Kansas City Chapter of People-to-People. Penfield is a Senior Advisor at BGI-LLC. He and his wife Cynthia live in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Prairie Chapter Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Rear Admiral Jeffrey R. Penfield, USN (RET.) as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.