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Patriot of the Month

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**Kenneth Scheer**



**United States Air Force**

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Kenneth Scheer joined the United States Air Force on June 7, 1961, five days after his high school graduation at the age of 17.5 years old.

He completed basic training in Texas and was assigned to Fairchild AFB in Spokane, WA in January 1962. He was re-assigned to Portland Air Force Base, Portland, Oregon in June 1963.



His duties included work as a crew chief on an air rescue helicopter. In August of 1964, in the middle of the night, he was given orders to go to Vietnam for a temporary duty. He was stationed at Biền Hồ, which is located about twenty miles north of Saigon. The AFB was attacked on October 31, 1964 and was the first base to be attacked by the Viet Cong. Mr. Scheer was wounded in the attack and received the Purple Heart. He also was awarded the Air Medal with Oakleaf Cluster which is for single acts of heroism or meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. He was re-assigned to a base in Thailand as support for the USAF Fighter Squadron. Mr. Scheer returned to the United States in April 1965 and was discharged on June 7, 1965.

Upon his discharge from the service, he enrolled at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau and earned a History degree in 1969. In November 1973, he became employed by New York Life Insurance Company and remained employed with them until his retirement, forty-six years later.

He stated that his military service taught him the value of education.

Saint Charles Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Kenneth Scheer as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.