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Patriot of the Month

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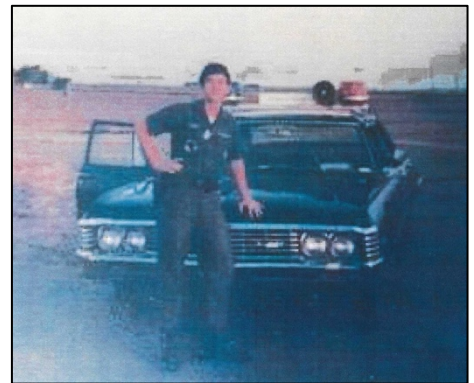
**Timothy P. Berry**

**United States Air Force**



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Timothy P. (Tim) Berry began his service in the military in August 1975 when he enlisted in the United States Air Force. After completing basic training at Lackland AFB, TX, he was transferred to Altus AFB, OK and assigned to the Security Police Unit. One of the highlights of his time at Altus AFB was providing presidential security for President Gerald R. Ford and Air Force One. He says his training to be patient and to be prepared for a lot of "hurry up and wait" proved valuable for these assignments. Service to country runs in the family as his grandfather, H.V. (Vic) Berry served in the Army during WWI and his father, Maurice G. Berry was in the Army Air Force during WWII.



For his service, Tim received unit commendations for Expert Marksmanship and Good Conduct and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. He was honorably discharged in August 1979.

While stationed at Altus AFB, he met his wife, Penny Combs. They have been married for 42 years and have two daughters and one granddaughter.

After his discharge he spent 35 years in the electrical business with Kriz-Davis Company, his most recent position with the company was serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and CEO. Giving back to the community was also important as he spent 20 years with the Stanberry, MO Volunteer Fire Department and as an EMT with the Grand River Ambulance service.

Following his retirement in 2021, he and his wife relocated to Kearney, MO where he enjoys the outdoors, organizing and creating in his workshop, and spending quality time with his family. Tim and Penny volunteer at the Firehouse Organization in Kearney while exploring other community involvement opportunities.

Virginia Daughters Chapter is proud to honor and recognize Timothy P. Berry as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.