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## Patriot of the Month

## December 2021

# Rebecca Tallman

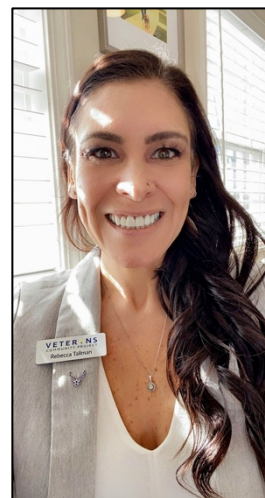


## United States Air Force

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Master Sergeant Rebecca Tallman was born in El Sobrante, California and raised in the Bay Area. Upon graduation from high school in 1998, she enlisted in the United States Air Force. After completing Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, TX she continued on completing technical school at Keesler Air Force Base.



MSgt Tallman entered the Air Force in April 1998. She graduated from the Aircraft Communication and Navigation

Systems course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi in April 1999. She served in a variety of Aircraft Maintenance positions sustaining combat and training air operations, as well as a myriad of other roles. Her assignments include duty throughout Air Mobility Command and U. S. Air Forces in Europe. She was also involved in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Her major awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit with two silver oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal and Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border.

MSgt Tallman's other accomplishments include being named:

2007 100th Maintenance Group Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

2010 Pitsenbarger Scholarship

2011 Certificate of Appreciation United States Secret Service Employee Recreation Association

2011 92nd Operations Group General Leo Marquez Maintenance Leadership Award

2012 92nd Maintenance Group Non-Commissioned Officer Outstanding Maintenance Professional of the Year

2013 Air Mobility Command Non-Commissioned Officer Outstanding Maintenance Professional of the Year

2015 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Non-Commissioned Officer Maintenance Support Professional of the Year

2016 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airlift Tanker Young Leader Award

2017 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Non-Commissioned Officer Maintenance Professional of the Year

While serving, MSgt Tallman shares that the things she enjoyed most were working on aircraft to make sure they were worthy to fly missions and the opportunities she had of managing visits from the Vice President of the



United States, Generals and famous actors and athletes. A photo of Rebecca with then Vice President Joe Biden is shown to the left

Following her military service, Rebecca continued her education, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Professional Aeronautics in 2013, from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Masters of Art in Organizational Leadership in 2020, from Brandman University.

She is excited to currently serve in the position as Operations Manager for St. Louis' Veterans Community Project (VCP). VCP broke ground on the St. Louis campus September 2021. The campus will contain 50 tiny homes for Veterans experiencing homelessness, and the Veterans Outreach Center will provide walk-in support services for any Veteran in the St. Louis Metro area. Rebecca was proud to share that her husband is also a Retired US Air Force member, her step-son currently serves in the Air Force, her son-in-law was in the Air Force, her dad served in the Army, her father-in-law served in the Army, one of her grandfathers was a Marine, and the other was Navy. She is tracing back multiple generations that have served our country, as well.

The best piece of advice she has ever received is "In order to be a leader, you need to also be a follower". She exemplifies leadership, so I imagine she has followed that advice!

Olde Towne Fenton Chapter Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Rebecca Tallman as Patriot of the Month for her patriotism and service to our great nation.