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Patriot of the Month

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Jack Renander

United States Air Force

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Back in 1975 the main thing that Jack Renander knew for sure is that he and his girlfriend wanted to get married. His father told him that if he was planning to get married he had better get out and find a job.

About this time a friend of Jack's needed a ride to the nearby recruitment office and asked Jack to drive him there. Jack was killing time while his friend went into the recruiting office. An Air Force recruiter stepped up and asked Jack what his plan was, what he saw for his future. Jack didn't know quite yet, and recruiter suggested that if he would be interested in taking this short 30 minute test, it might just help him see where his strengths lie and what direction he might want to follow. Jack figured there was nothing to lose and took the test. Later he was told that he scored really high in all areas. Electronics was a "hot" field at that time and that sounded good to him. Now while the friend he had driven there did not join up, Jack officially enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on September 10, 1975. Following basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas, he received training for "electronic system computer repair" at Kessler AFT in Biloxi, MS. He was then assigned to the Strategic Air Command, 8th Air Force, 2nd Bomb Wing, 46th Communications Squadron at Barksdale AFB in Bossier City, LA.

As Jack was privileged to a Top Security Clearance, he was often put in the position of having knowledge of particular missions that were about to take place. He came to realize that he was playing a vital role in many military issues of the day. He says he didn't have a glamorous job, but he is proud to have served.

If you were to ask Jack what piece of advice he would give us, he would tell you to enjoy now, yes you might be able to make more money elsewhere, but with that would probably come more responsibility and more time away from your family. Family has always been important to him and his wife Kathy.

Jack's military experience opened doors for him at the end of his 4 ½ years. Civilian employers knew that he, as a former military employee, would both take on and efficiently complete a task with little supervision. They knew they would be able to count on him. He had electrical background with would serve him well throughout his life. Since 1989 Jack has worked in the printing industry, most recently working in printing press repair, and has very recently retired.



Jack and Kathy look forward to traveling to explore areas they have yet to see and more visits with their two sons and daughter. One of their sons is oddly enough stationed at Barksdale! They have 14 grandchildren, all of whom call them "Opa" and "Oma", the Old German Dutch words for Grandpa and Grandma. With strong Christian backgrounds, they have passed their faith in the Lord to their children, and in turn their grandchildren. Jack once served with a Lieutenant who, along with his wife, made a big impression on Jack and Kathy,

they truly feel that the Lord brought this couple into their lives to set an example. They saw in them the strong Christian values, disciplining with love, and the close bonding that make a family really work. These values are what the Renanders have built their lives upon, they learned by example and have taught by example.

Gilead Rupe Daughters are are proud to honor and recognize Jack Renander as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.