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## Steven Lovell

### United States Army Air National Guard

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Steven 'Steve' Lovell enlisted in the United States Army in 1980 and completed basic and advanced training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was a Heavy Anti-Armor Weapons Crewman

stationed in Bamberg, Germany for two years during the cold war along the border of Czechoslovakia. From there he was stationed at Ft. Polk, Louisiana where he held the same position on a four man crew, where he was qualified to cover any of those four positions. When he left the Army after four years, he was Track Commander and honorably discharged as a Corporal.

He then joined the Missouri Air National Guard and was based at Lambert Airport in St. Louis with the 131st Fighter Wing. Lovell deployed to various duty stations for training. He was active duty in Saudi Arabia, Germany, Singapore, Denmark and active duty in Turkey three times, as well as other stations stateside and worldwide.

He was on a weapons load crew and served as the Weapons Load Crew Chief for a number of years. Lovell was a Weapons Flight Line Expeditor responsible for oversight and coordination of maintenance activities for 14 aircraft and 12 load crews and Concurrent Services Supervisor trained for combat. He was responsible for two planes and their crews as combat specific. Steve said he has great respect for his position, the planes and the pilots.

He considers his most interesting time in the military was handling weapons for F-4's then later F-15's. His best military experience was a flight on an F-15.

For his service, Steve was awarded 21 ribbons and medals. Among them, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation, Air Force Achievement, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (for deployment in hostile areas), Army Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Master Maintenance Badge, Master Missile Maintenance Badge, and Army Expert Infantry Badge.

In high school Steve joined Jr ROTC, earning the rank of Cadet Colonel and was Squadron Commander. During that time, he was invited to Little Rock Air Force Base, had lunch with the base commander, sat in the reviewing stand, saw the Thunderbirds and met their wing commander.

"Take care of yourself, your equipment and your buddies," was the best advice he received.



During the time he served in the Air National Guard, Steve was employed at ATT for forty-one years. After serving in the Guard for 24 years, he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in 2009.

He became a Shriner in 1993 and has served as Legion of Honor Commander (for military Shriners), Past President of the Motor Patrol and currently Captain of the Motor Patrol. He is involved with the annual Shriners Circus and participates in many parades and other Shriner events.

Steve has been involved with the Multiple Sclerosis Bicycle Ride for over 31 years and participates annually in a 150 mile bicycle ride over two days, raising funds for MS.

He has been a volunteer with Greater St. Louis Honor Flight since 2012 and currently serves as Lead Guardian Trainer, Flight Leader, Bus Captain, does community outreach speaking at events about Honor Flight, and in any other capacity he is needed.

Steve will be the speaker at DAR's Coldwater Creek Cemetery this coming Memorial Day.

Married to Michelle for 18 years, they reside in St. Louis. His 2 grown children and 6 grandchildren live in Ohio.

O'Fallon Daughters are extremely proud to recognize and honor Steven Lovell as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great country.