

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

May 2022



Paul Smith Slater

United States Air Force

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Paul Smith Slater was born on January 25, 1932 the seventh and last child of Arthur and Esther Smith Slater. He entered the Air Force in 1952 and trained at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. He also served at Barksdale Air Force Base in Boser City, Louisiana before and after his overseas post. Paul spent most of his service time at French Naval Air Facilities at Port Lyautey, Morocco. His job was to encode and decode classified messages.

Paul married Lola Childers on June 6, 1953, just before he was sent to Morocco. Lola traveled commercial to join him as soon as possible. Paul had to travel to the Rock of Gibraltar to meet her. It took several modes of transportation to retrieve his bride. Paul was discharged from Barksdale Air Force Base in 1956.

After his discharge Paul attended Kirksville State College in Kirksville, Missouri. He held positions at McDonnell Douglas and at Famous Barr before his retirement. His wife, Lola, passed away in July of 2017.

Ozark Spring Chapter Daughters are extremely proud to recognize and honor Paul Smith Slater as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great country.

