

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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## Thomas Barden

### United States Coast Guard

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Thomas Barden enlisted into active service March 1981. He attended basic training at Alameda, (California) Coast Guard Basic Training, then went to Hospital Corpsman Training at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. He was then stationed at the Coast Guard Academy Hospital. He went to US Navy X-ray School in 1984 at the Oakland Navy Hospital in Oakland, California. He returned to the Coast Guard Academy Hospital, where he ran the X-ray Department for one year. He returned to the Outpatient Department.

Prior to the X-ray School, he served in a number of departments that included tasks like exams, the registration desk, outpatient and short-term ward duties. In the X-ray Department, he took about ten X-rays a day on various body parts. On duty rotation thru physical therapy, eye clinic, Rx, ambulance duties for football games and other activities, went with the Cadets for their firearms training (he also shot the firearms with them and did better than the cadets), getting sharpshooter with pistol and Expert with the M16 rifle. The Gun Range Master stated, "Doc's are not supposed to be able to shoot!"

He was given temporary duty assignment at Station New London, Connecticut for a detail on a sunken oil barge recovery. An oil barge with 350 thousand barrels of crude oil which sank in the fall of 1985 during a storm. He provided medical oversight of the operation. They successfully recovered the barge, with the assistance of the Atlantic Strike Team and commercial drivers, with loss of less than 100 gallons of crude oil. They raised the barge and it was sent for recovery. Their efforts kept the Long Island Sound Marine Environment and fishery industries from being negatively impacted for an oil spill.

He received the Good Conduct Award in 1985.

During off hours he volunteered for a local Volunteer Ambulance Service as an EMT. During this time, he requested the first Helicopter Ambulance Evacuation. This resulted in his saving a person's life with his quick action.

After Honorable discharge from the Coast Guard with 5 ½ years of service, he attended college to become certified as a Paramedic. He worked as a Paramedic for several Ambulance Services for 10 years. He also worked in an Urgent Care Office. This career path was selected based on his mother being a nurse and an uncle being a doctor. However, due to the stress of being a Paramedic, he took

a break and worked in Yellow Stone National Park for a summer. He worked as a Natural Resources Park Ranger and volunteered with the local fire department.

After this break, he began a career in Information Technical, as computer support. He volunteered with Red Cross First Aid and Disaster Teams.

He married Katherine Ann Pierce on December 13, 2014. They are both Ham Radio Operators and Volunteer with the City of Independence Emergency Management Division.

After performing " Lost Child " duties at Sunday's Labor Day Weekend 2021 at Independence's SantaCaliGon Festive, there was an active shooter event. He, with two other volunteers moved into Safety Crowd Control to keep the people safe and preventing them from returning to the active crime scene.

Thomas is an active member of Harry S Truman Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Chapter. He is also a member of the Metropolitan Emergency Communication Council (MECC). He is the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Independence 1st Ward, Independence Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The members of the Sarah Lewis Boone Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to honor Thomas Barden as Patriot of the Month and thank him for his dedicated service to our country.