

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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**H. Gary Roser**

**United States Marine Corps**

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Gary is the oldest child of Major Herbert and Josephine Roser. Because of his father's military background, he attended 13 schools in 12 years of education. The longest time he spent in one school was the last 2 years of high school in New Bern, NC.

After graduating from New Bern High School in 1960 he secured a Navy ROTC Scholarship at the University of North Carolina where he completed his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1964. That year he also received his military commission for the Marine Corps. He attained his naval aviation in 1966. His flight status remained active throughout his 27 years of service.



1975-76: Headquarters & Maintenance Squadron 32.

1982-1983: Marine Attack Squadron 12.

1984: Awarded the Commendation Efficiency Trophy for the outstanding Marine Corps Aviation Squadron.

1986: Guided the Strategic Net Assessment, National Military Strategy Report and Omnibus Agreement and the Joint Doctrine Implement Plan.

1984-1988: At the Pentagon in Washington, DC. He was assigned Branch Head, Joint Strategy & Planning, Plans Division of the Marine Corps.

1988-1990: Commanded Marine Aircraft Group 42.

1989: Received the Humanitarian Service Medals for outstanding participation in relief efforts from the damage done to several highways and bridges from the Loma Prieta Earthquake.

October, 1991: retired from the Marine Corps after 27 years of service.

He was stationed the following Naval bases:

1<sup>st</sup> Aircraft Wing stationed at Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan

2<sup>nd</sup> Aircraft Wing, East Coast at Naval Air Station, Cherry Pointe, NC

3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing, West Coast at Miramar Naval Air Station, San Diego, CA

4<sup>th</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing, New Orleans, LA; Marine Corps Forces Reserve

Personal recognition Awards and a model of the 13 types of tactical jet aircraft he flew are displayed in his home. He logged over 4,000 aviation hours in those cockpits.

The Legion of Merit Meritorious Service Medal.

Navy Commendation Medal (awarded 2 times)

Combat Action Ribbon

Humanitarian Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

During the 24 years following his military service career, he directed the International Graduate program at the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, CA. Those duties included recruitment and management of 5,000 applicants and their families from 110 countries. Those students studied advanced academic degrees, attended cultural events and attended social programs. This expanded military education and training program that serves as a cornerstone of education and training in all DOD schools today. In 1998 he was promoted to Assistant Dean of Students of International Affairs. In 2000 he became Dean of Students hailing for all former Warsaw Pact's 13 countries, the Democracies found in several African nations, Caribbean countries, South and Central America, South Asia and the Pacific Rim.

In 2015, he declared full retirement after devoting 51 years to government service and receiving the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award.

Gary and his wife Colleen now reside Carmel Valley, CA where he says his life is now "quiet" enjoying the sunshine, golf, exercise, and friends. They are the parents of a son and daughter, both of them married and living in Virginia and the grandparents of 4 grandsons and 2 granddaughters.

Sarah Barton Murphy Chapter Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Colonel H. Gary Roser, USMC, Retired as Patriot of the Month for his very patriotic and dedicated service to our nation.