

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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## Richard Lynn Thompson

### United States Air Force

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Richard Lynn "Ricky" Thompson was born August 23, 1950, the son of John H and Martha Powell Thompson Jr. He graduated from Caruthersville High School in 1968 and attended Walnut Ridge Junior College prior to enlisting in the Air Force in Aug 1969. His basic training was at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He had further training at Travis Air Force Base in California. Ricky was a member of the U.S. Air Force's only EC-121 Constellation Wing which has earned the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.



Ricky served as an Air Operations Specialist with the Aerospace Defense Command's (ADC) 552nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing at McClellan AFB, California. Ricky was deployed to several bases during his time in the service. He began his tour in Kwangju, South Korea before being transferred to Korat, Thailand. He also was responsible for flying reconnaissance over Vietnam. After his overseas tour of duty, he returned to Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM.

Ricky received an honorable discharge in Aug 1973. He received the following medals for his service: National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Ricky married Jackie Taylor on July 31, 1976, in a garden wedding at her parents' house. They have one daughter, Jamie Lynn Thompson. He worked with Colson Equipment, Inc., and the Corp of Engineers before going into farming with his future father-in-law in 1975. He continues to farm the family farm today.

Ricky and Jacky are members of the Eastwood United Methodist Church in Caruthersville, MO.

Ricky says the most important thing for him in the service was the level of camaraderie and the teamwork with his squad. Everyone watched out for each other. "They had each other's back".

Gayoso Chapter Daughters are extremely proud to recognize and honor Richard Lynn Thompson as our Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism, and service to our great country.