

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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**Carl Stayer**

**United States Air Force**

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Carl Stayer resides on a hobby farm in Odessa, Missouri with Laurinda Stayer, his wife of 41 years. Carl began his military career by enlisting in the United States Coast Guard in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in June of 1977. During a span of over 40 years, Carl served in the US Coast Guard, US Coast Guard Reserves, Navy Reserves, and the Air Force National Guard. His highest rank was obtained in the USAF as a Master Sergeant (E-7).



While enlisted Carl served as a Quartermaster, a motor pool driver, and an equal employment opportunity specialist. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a convoy driver in 2003 to Al Jabar, Kuwait and in 2004 to Balad, Iraq.

He received many medals and accolades, including Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 device, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal with 1 device, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 3 devices, Iraq Campaign Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold boarder, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The most interesting thing Carl experienced during his military service was visiting Ur of the Chaldees and seeing the home of Abraham. He also distinctly remembers driving a passenger bus for responders to a remote location in the Ozarks following the crash of an F-15 fighter jet. He'll never forget staying overnight at Salad Air Base in Iraq while the base took on mortar attacks, and he fondly remembers his incentive ride in an F-15.

While in the reserves, Carl worked as an electronics technician and as a Veterans Transportation Service shuttle driver at the Kansas City Veterans Medical Center (VAMC), After retiring from military service, he continued to serve his country and fellow veterans with his dedicated work at the KCVA.

Carl has participated in community organizations including Disabled American Veterans Post 2 and Whispering Winds Bible Camp in St James, MO. He has held various offices at his church, Tri-City Baptist Church in Blue Springs, such as Deacon, treasurer, and business manager.

Joined in marriage in 1981 to Laurinda Atz, Carl had his faithful wife by his side during most of his military career. Together they raised three children: twin boys Isaac and Zachary and daughter Samantha. They have one grandchild named Myles who brings much joy to the family.

On a daily basis he has to work through the lasting effects of his service during the Iraqi war. But he still manages to spend time with his family and engage in hobbies such as hydroponics and aquaponics, raising goats and assisting his wife with a goat product business, and operating his HAM radio.

In addition to his service to this country, dedication to his church and his family; Carl participated in over 500 military funeral honors and he routinely performed unofficial volunteer work at the Kansas City VA hospital.