

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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Martha "Marty" Stark

United States Army

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Mrs. Marty Stark graduated in 1979 from Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State University, where she was a 3 year ROTC scholarship recipient. She entered the Army in May 1979 and trained in intelligence at Fort Huachuca, AZ. She was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas as her first duty station and later at Monteith Barracks, Germany with the 1st Armored Division. Marty 's work was tactical strategic intelligence which required knowledge of terrain, military equipment, and security for understanding battlefield estimates and enemy plans. Marty is truly a teacher at heart. She also taught classes in intelligence and security to incoming soldiers in order to educate them on enemy tactics and keep them safe.



She will never forget visiting the border (Iron Curtain at that time) between West Germany and East Germany, the Berlin Wall and Check Point Charlie, as very strict protocol was in place for travel to Berlin. The best piece of advice she received was, "Take care of your soldiers and they will take care of you." She resigned her position after 4 years and became a full time mom.

Marty was a military spouse and was stationed again in Germany and at West Point, NY with her husband and family. Marty fondly remembers the military traditions while at West Point especially the Army/Navy football games and being able to sponsor cadets. Many weekends and holidays the Starks would have cadets over for meals and Marty loved to hear their stories. Sometimes they even had 10 to 12 cadets at a time and relates to them as a "big family".

While in Germany, she completed a Master' s degree in Education from Cameron University in Oklahoma and in 1997 began teaching high school and later middle school students in Brookfield, MO. Subjects included, American History, World History, Economics, Civics, Missouri History, German Culture, and her favorite, Ancient Civilizations. Her travels and life experience, while actively serving in the military and as a military spouse, gave her a special perspective that she was able to share with her students. For example,

because she had traveled to Rome and had seen the Roman Colosseum, she was able to share photos and memories with her students when they studied the ancient Romans. She also shared her knowledge of Germany with her German Culture students, such as the German language, traditions, and holidays. She retired from teaching in 2017 after teaching for 19 years.

Marty currently works in the church office at Trinity United Methodist Church. She spends her spare time volunteering at the local food pantry, Ministries in Linn County, teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school, and spending time with her grandchildren. When her boys were younger, she was a Cub Scout Den Mother. She is the mother of four boys. Neil, Guy and Nolan are currently serving in the U.S. Army with her youngest son flying Black Hawk Helicopters and Tyson lives and works in Brookfield. Her husband, Kenny is a retired Lieutenant Colonel with 22 years of service in the U.S. Army.

Hannah Hull DAR Chapter is proud to honor and recognize Marty Stark as Patriot of the Month for her service to our great nation and continued service to the community.