

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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## Jeffrey Keith Fields

### United States Air Force

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MSgt Fields enlisted in the United States Air Force in West Virginia, during spring break of his senior year of high school, in 1979. He went to basic training in October 1979 at Lackland AFB, Texas. His many duty stations included Chanute AFB (Illinois), Hill AFB (Utah), RAF Greenham-Common (United Kingdom), Incirlik AB (Turkey), RAF Alconbury (United Kingdom), Moody AFB (Georgia), Eielson AFB (Alaska), and Whiteman AFB (Missouri). He was assigned special schools and duties at Tyndall AFB, (Florida), Davis-Monthan AFB (Arizona), Al-Jabar AB (Kuwait), and Nellis AFB (Nevada).



MSgt Fields served from 1979 until his retirement in 2005. He was an Aerospace Ground Equipment mechanic and technician to start and later moved into leadership positions which took him “away from the toolbox”. He received multiple awards and recognitions which he stated were “just part of the job”. He reported that some of his most memorable assignments were *Operation Provide Comfort* after the Gulf War, *Operation Desert Fox* in maintaining the no-fly-zone on the boarder of Iraq, and *Red Flag* annual exercise. He noted the most impactful mission in which he participated was the *Ground Launch Cruise Missile* program. This program was intended to meet the defense of the cold war and led to the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force Treaty (INF Treaty). The INF Treaty was crucial to security of the United States and Europe by eliminating nuclear weapons threats, in the 1980’s.

MSgt Fields reports that his family has served in a military since 1066, during the “Middle-Ages”. He stated the best piece of military advice he ever received was from his father, SMSgt, who told him to “keep his eyes open and his mouth closed” in service. MSgt Fields reported that he loved serving along side his brother and sisters in arms and feels honored every day to have served his country.