

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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## Darren Ivey

### United States Army

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Darren states: "I always wanted to be a police officer but you had to be 21 years old, so I enlisted in the USAF as a Law Enforcement Specialist and planned to do that until I was 21. I liked it enough that I stayed in for almost 9 years. I left as a Staff Sergeant (E-5). I was stationed at Clark AB on the Philippines from Mar 1984 to Oct 1986, then Whiteman AFB, MO from Nov 1986 to Jul 1992."



While in the Philippines I was a motorcycle cop, part of a motorcycle stunt team. We would go to parades and do stunts on our police motorcycles. One of my favorites was when I would stand up and ride on two different motorcycles at once - one foot on one motorcycle and the other foot on the second motorcycle. We also did escorts for all of the dignitaries that came to the base, so I got to meet lots of celebrities. I also helped escort President Marcos when he fled the country through our Air Base.

Awards and medals: Air Force Training Ribbon; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (with one device); Professional Military Education Ribbon (with one device); Air Force Longevity Ribbon (with one device); Air Force Overseas Service Long Tour Ribbon; Air Force Good Conduct Medal (with one device); National Defense Service Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with one device); Air Force Commendation Medal (with 2 oak leaf clusters); and Southwest Asia Service Medal, I am now a retired from the KC MO Police Department after 29 years of service. I retired as a Major (Commander). Now, in retirement, I teach first responders about PTSD, self-care and trauma/stress management. I also have worked as a Security Consultant for Major League Soccer for the past 8 years.

I have always been involved in community organizations since 1988 when I joined the Optimist Club. Since then I have served on many Board of Directors and currently work with MO Crisis Intervention Team organizations; CIT International (as a board member); and volunteer with the Police Athletic League of KC, Pause First, The Battle Within and other groups.

I am blessed to have been married to my best friend Amy since 2007 and have 4 children and 3 grandsons. My parents live in Ozark, MO and my in-laws live here in KC. I have a brother and three sisters, several of which and their children have also served in the military.

My best advice is to always come home. "You will be faced with a lot of difficult decisions and you may face danger, so make it a priority to ake it home every night".