

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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Laura L. Henderson

United States Army

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Laura L Henderson enlisted in the United States Army in September 1990. She completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Fort Benning, Georgia was her duty station for the rest of her enlistment.



Her MOS, Military Occupational Specialist, was 31-Delta Communications. Laura's job was on the U.S. Army Service Rifle Team. That was a good fit as she was a skilled rifle person when she entered the Army.

Laura's most interesting thing she did in the service was to compete in a combat match in Little Rock, Arkansas against Germans, Australians, and Canadians. She declared with glee, "We won that Match."

When asked about what she remembered about her time in the Service, she remarked, "The Comraderies, being part of a team. Even though you could win as an individual, it was much more rewarding to shoot on a winning team. It was especially rewarding when we beat the United States Marine Corps Team."

Her numerous medals and ribbons attest to her Marksman Classification as High Master, the highest classification you can achieve. She earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge, a patch she wore on her military uniform, Army Medal of Achievement and High Novice Shooter at an all-Army Match. (Laura was the first woman to win this award.)

Honorably discharged in September 1994, Laura's best advice is, "Never give up on yourself."

As a civilian, she is Operations Supervisor for Verizon. In the community she is a member of Team Rubicon, a National Disaster Recovery Team, and the Ozark Trails Association. Her hobbies include hiking, photography, reading and taking care of her cows.

Laura is very proud of her children. They are productive members of society. Her sons are both Eagle Scouts and members of the U.S. Army Reserves. Her oldest daughter has a degree in Culinary Arts. Her youngest daughter is an honor student, athlete, and musician. The Daughters of the Louisiana Purchase Chapter NSDAR are proud to nominate Laura L Henderson as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for her patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.