Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month May 2023

Proudly Honors



Janet Horton

United States Army

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In July 1976, Janet enlisted in the Army. Her duty stations took her all over the United States with two stations in Germany and one in Korea. She was the first Christian Science woman Chaplain in the Army.

While in service, Janet was awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon. She was the first woman Chaplain (Army) to be selected to attend the Army War College and to complete the Command and General Staff College.

Janet was in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. She was pulled away from her office and to the other side of the Pentagon for a dental appointment. While there they received word that the Pentagon had been hit and that they would have to evacuate. Her and two other Chaplains joined medical teams that were going into the Pentagon to treat the casualties. The Chaplains divided up into the different medical teams and prayed with those who were injured. In June 2002, she was asked to be part of a ceremony to honor the fire and rescue workers who had responded to the Pentagon on that day.

Janet is married to Jeffrey Harvey and very appreciative of his support throughout her career. In her retirement, Janet has trained new Chaplains. She is a Christian Science Chaplain for inmates in correction centers. In 2017, she wrote "Cracking the Camouflage Ceiling" describing her career in the Army.