

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

## Proudly Honors

### Patriot of the Month

## December 2023



# Kenneth H. Paxton

## United States Air Force

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Kenneth H. Paxton, USAF, SMSgt Retired, is the son of a U S Navy Veteran, so joining the military just came naturally to him. SMSgt Paxton first joined the 139th Airlift Group, St Joseph, MO, in March, 1982. After basic training and Medical Technician, he was directed to undertake some newly developed positions and to develop health assessment programs.



In October, 1989, Paxton transferred to the 110th Fighter Group, located at Battle Creek, MI. He continued to serve in the medical field to the status of Active-Duty Guard/Reserve (AGR).

From 1994 to 2003, he was assigned to the 932 Aeromedical Staging Unit and also served as a Recruiter under the Home town Blue Program, in the Quad-Cities area (Davenport, Bettendorf, IA, and Moline/Rock Island, IL).

Paxton was activated in 2004 to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, during the Global War on Terrorism Campaign, until 2005. Shortly afterward Paxton was reassigned to the 131st Fighter Wing, St Louis, MO, where he served until 2008. At that time, he was asked to return to his Unit of Origin, the 139th Airlift Group, where he served until 2016. At that time, Paxton was medically retired from active-duty service. Paxton reported he was privileged to serve stateside on many joint-training missions and short-duty assignments at several Air Force bases and Army installations. In between missions, he was honored in serve in communities undergoing various natural disasters. He also served in several endeavors in Central America.

Highpoints for SMSgt were witnessing his son's Enlistment Oath, and being promoted to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (E-8) by the Secretary of the Air Force on February 5, 2015.

SMSgt Paxton decided to take advantage of his GI Bill and is enrolled at the Assembly of God Theological Seminary where he will graduate in 2024. He will then be able to assist and counsel Veterans full time. In addition, Paxton is a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, a 100% volunteer organization. Founded in 2005, PGRHarley Riders shield families of fallen heroes from those that would disrupt the military service of their loved ones.

As a Medic the crowning point for SMSgt Paxton was the opportunity to serve with the outstanding

men and women who invested their lives to defend the freedom of this great Nation under the Constitution of the USA. SMSgt Paxton reported he truly valued his 32 years of military service and experience he gathered in the USAF.

It is with deep respect and gratitude that the St Joseph Chapter DAR proudly nominate SMSgt Retired Kenneth H. Paxton as Chapter Patriot of the Month.