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KENNETH STARK
UNITED STATES ARMY
1977 – 1999
LIEUTENANT COLONEL

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Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Stark graduated in 1977 from Truman State University. He was commissioned through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Following training in the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; from 1977 to 1980. He was then assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Germany from 1980 to 1983. After additional training at Fort Sill, Kenneth was assigned to the U.S. Military Academy as an instructor from 1984 to 1988. He was then transferred to logistics and assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea from 1988 to 1989. He returned to Fort Hood,

Texas, with the III Armored Corps Headquarters from 1989 to 1992. While in that assignment, he was attached to XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters and deployed to Saudi Arabia for Desert Storm. He then returned to Germany with the Maneuver Readiness Training Center from 1992 to 1994, then with the 7th Army Training Command as the Director of Logistics for a year, and finished his time in Germany serving as Chief of the Combined Arms Training Center for a year. He returned to the U.S. for his final assignment as an instructor for the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS from 1996 to 1999.

He is thankful to always be in a safe location and out of harm's way. Kenneth is very detail-oriented and spent time talking to soldiers to see how he could improve their work conditions. He believed in taking care of the soldiers and would not ask them to do something that he wouldn't do himself. The best piece of advice he received was, "It's not a matter of giving simple instructions, it's giving instructions that cannot be

misunderstood."

Kenneth retired from the military in 1999 and returned to Brookfield, Missouri, to take up farming. Kenneth's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon, and the Southwest Asia Ribbon. After his service, he spent five years as a civil contractor with Northrop Grumman in Kansas and another five years with the Department of the Army Civil Service in Grafenwoehr, Germany, working in logistics.

He continues to serve his country giving military honors at funerals. Kenneth spends his spare time volunteering at the American Legion, American Legion baseball, the local food pantry, Meals on Wheels, the Pershing Association Board, Trinity United Methodist Church Board of Trustees, and being active in the Laclede United Methodist Church. He also enjoys traveling and continues to farm.

He will always miss the military community where he remembers the people, friends, and fun. He believes it is a system that works to get things done in an orderly way; to make rules to be followed and where everyone was accountable to follow the rules.

His wife, Marty is also retired U.S. Army. They have four boys; three of them currently serving with the U.S. Army. Hannah Hull Chapter, NSDAR, is proud to honor and recognize Kenneth Stark as Patriot of the Month for his service to our great nation and continued service to the community.