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PARKE J. STEVENS, JR.
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
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MAJOR

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Parke J. Stevens, Jr., enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in June 2003 and served on active duty doing multiple combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Using his GI Bill he entered the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School and earned his law degree.

Upon enlistment, he was ranked Private (E1) and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant (E6). In 2013 he went to Officer Candidate School (OCS) where upon completion he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant (O-1). He is currently a Major serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his time in service, he received multiple awards, but those that meant a great deal were the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat C distinguishment, and multiple Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals. He

has deployed multiple times to Iraq and one time to Afghanistan.

Parke grew up in a big family and his father served in the United States Navy. He is from Huggins, Missouri, and graduated from Houston High School. Upon completion of Law School and OCS, he entered Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood. In 2014, he ran for Prosecuting Attorney for Texas County, Missouri, and has served in that position since being elected by the people of Texas County.

He and his wife have three children. Parke's future aspirations are to continue to do the best for this community and spend time with his family. Parke serves his community on the Houston Community Foundation, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and American Legion.

At present Parke continues to serve in the Marine Corps Reserves, involving monthly duty and then 2-3 weeks a year all over the world. The most interesting command he has had to this point has been being the Commanding Officer of 120 Marines in Lexington, Kentucky.

Parke described that interacting with different people and working with young Marines is important to him in his service. The advice that he finds important is "grow where you planted." Also, put forth the effort and if it is worth doing, do it well.

Ozark Spring Chapter, NSDAR, Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Parke J. Stevens, Jr., as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.