

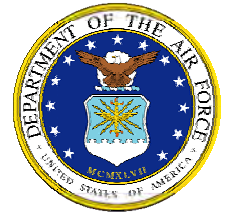
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PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2025



TIMOTHY J. PATTERSON

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

AUGUST 12, 1966 – JUNE 5, 1970

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

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Timothy J. Patterson graduated from Crystal City High School and Southeast Missouri State University. He then taught for two years at Hillsboro High School. Tim decided to attend law school and unfortunately in his first year of law school, he was drafted. He then decided to enlist in the United States Air Force.

His active duty started on August 12, 1966. Tim completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He was then assigned to Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, for further training in Intelligence. His official job was as a Voice Intercept Procedure Specialist. From there he was sent to Syracuse University, New York, to learn the Russian language. He accomplished this in nine months.

He was then assigned to Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, for further training in intelligence. His official job was as a Voice Intercept Procedure Specialist. Then to Trabon, Turkey, for intelligence. His next assignment for the National Security Agency was at Fort Meade, Maryland, where he retired from active duty on June 5, 1970. He was then in the Air Force Reserve for two more years, at least as he quoted, "on paper."

Tim said that he has made life-long friends in the military, although one of them is now deceased. He recently cruised the Danube with one of them and his wife, expanding his knowledge of the world.

After an honorable discharge with Good Conduct from the U.S. Air Force, Tim took a two-week drive from Fort Meade, Maryland, through Missouri to visit his parents in Crystal City and then to Kansas City. He enrolled at the Kansas City School of Law,

Missouri University Kansas City, and with a chuckle said that he was in the freshman dorm at the age of 30.

In 1972, after graduating from the School of Law in Kansas City, he worked for the Probate Court in Kansas City as Chief Officer for the Kansas City Court. In September of 1973, on a visit to his parents in Crystal City, Tim read in the local Daily News-Democrat that the prosecuting attorney was advertising for a 1st Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for more money than he was making in Kansas City. He interviewed and received the job.

In 1974, they created Division 3 of the Circuit Court. The prosecuting attorney decided to try for the magistrate court. So Tim became the prosecuting attorney. That set the stage for 20 more years. He was a prosecutor for four years and went into private practice in 1979 with four other lawyers and stayed on as assistant prosecuting attorney. In 1982, he heard that the circuit judge was retiring. He went to Jefferson City, put his name on the ballot, and was elected circuit judge for six years. December 2006 was the end of his term.

That month, he was asked to be on the Jefferson Memorial Hospital Board and he served on the board until it became the Jefferson Foundation Board after selling Jefferson Memorial Hospital to Mercy. He has served on the Jefferson Foundation Board since his retirement.

His hobbies include singing in the church choir and being a lector and eucharistic minister at Our Lady Church. He also has sung with the Jefferson Chorale and Christmas concerts.

When asked about his family, he proudly said that he was asked to be the father of Jeremy Church, who is a war hero having received the silver star for his actions in Iraq. He took him on a religious retreat for veterans at the Jesuit White House. "I sponsored him for the Catholic Church," Tim related. "He never had a father in his life. He asked me to adopt him and after some prayer and thought, I became a father at the age of 79."

The Daughters of the Louisiana Purchase Chapter, NSDAR, are proud to nominate Timothy J. Patterson, Staff Sergeant (E-5) as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.