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**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH
AUGUST 2025**



ANTHONY WAYNE RALSTON

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MASTER SERGEANT (E-7)

1966 – 1970

AIR FORCE RESERVE

1978 – 1996

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Anthony Wayne Ralston was in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970. He served in the Vietnam Conflict and obtained the rank of Master Sergeant. Mr. Ralston also served from 1978 through 1996 in the Reserves.

In Vietnam, he served in the following campaigns:

Phase II, June 1967 to June 1968; The Tet Offensive from January 1969 through April 1968; Phase IV: April 1968 through June 1968; Phase V, June 1968 through November 1968; Phase VI - November 1968 through November 1968.

While in the service, he received the following awards – medals:

- The Purple Heart was awarded in 1968 when assigned to the Quick Response Team; his unit was called to support the Army during the Tet Offensive, manning bunkers during a mortar attack. He was wounded by receiving pieces of shrapnel in his left knee and was given the Purple Heart Award.

He also received the Combat Valor - Outstanding Unit on two separate occasions

- National Defense - 1 Bronze Battle Star; Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/palm; Unit on Citation May 1967; Air Force Longevity w/3Oak Leaf Clusters; Air Force Meritorious Service with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters; 15-year State Ribbon; State Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Force Reserve Medal with Hour Glass; and the RVN Civil Action Unit Citation July 1968-1969.

Mr. Ralston worked for the City of Trenton in the Fire Department, retiring as Fire Chief. Mr. Ralston is a two-time commander of VFW Post 919 of Trenton and is a community leader and volunteer. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2023 from North Central Missouri College. Mr. Ralston is married to a DAR Daughter, Marlene Ralston, with the Dorcas Richardson Chapter, NSDAR. They have two sons.

