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**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH  
APRIL 2026**

**DAWN LYNN MOORE**  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE NURSE CORPS  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE  
COLONEL (O-6)  
1981 – 2018

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Dawn Lynn Moore was born on December 27, 1963, at Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She was raised in Kiester, Minnesota, by her parents, Merlyn and Laurel Bartlett. She grew up with two siblings who also served in the military: her brother Perry Bartlett, who retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer (E-7), and her sister Robin Brown, who retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Master Sergeant (E-7).

After graduating from school in Kiester, she worked various jobs such as babysitting, farm labor, and waitressing before joining the military at age 18. With limited financial means for college and a strong family tradition of military service, she volunteered for the U.S. Navy as part of the all-volunteer force in the early 1980s. She completed basic training in Orlando, Florida, and technical training in Pensacola, Florida, becoming a cryptological technical operator.

Her first assignment was at Naval Security Group Activity in Rota, Spain, where she was later promoted to Petty Officer Third Class.

After leaving active duty in the Navy and raising her young daughter, she joined the Navy Reserve and later earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This allowed her to commission into the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps, beginning a new phase of her career as an officer. Over time, she advanced through the ranks, eventually achieving the rank of Colonel (O-6) in the Air Force Reserve. Her promotion to colonel was a memorable milestone celebrated with family members, including her granddaughter, who helped pin on her rank.

During her career, she completed extensive military education and leadership training, including Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. She also served as a commander and medical readiness leader responsible for preparing service members for deployment. One notable mission included leading a 40-person humanitarian medical team to Nicaragua, where they provided care to more than 10,000 patients in nine days.

She retired from military service on January 18, 2018, in Little Rock, Arkansas, after serving from 1981 through 2018 in the Navy, Navy Reserve, Air Force, and Air Force Reserve. Following retirement, she continued working at the Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Reflecting on her service, she credits the military with helping her mature, develop leadership skills, and strengthen her faith. She remains proud of her patriotic family legacy, which includes relatives who served in the American Revolutionary War, World War I, and World War II. Today, she remains active in the veteran community through organizations such as the American Legion. Her message to future generations is that anyone, no matter how small their hometown, can step out of their comfort zone, serve their country, and achieve great things through dedication, faith, and perseverance.

