



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Patriot of the Month Instructions

A chapter may nominate any veteran or active-duty service member for the MSSDAR Patriot of the Month.

Instructions:

1. Interview your patriot and write an interesting narrative about your patriot focusing on their military service. This narrative will be placed on the website. ***Please do not ask your patriot to write their own narrative.*** Honor them by taking the time to listen to their story. Use the sample questions below to get the conversation started:
 - When did you enter the service?
 - Were you drafted or did you enlist?
 - Where were your duty stations?
 - What did you do in the service?
 - Were you awarded any medals, ribbons or citations? (If so what were they?)
 - What's the most interesting thing you did (or saw) while in the service?
 - What's the best piece of advice you received?
 - What did (do) you do in your civilian career?
 - Do you belong to any community organizations?
 - Would you like to share anything about your family?

Your narrative may be typed directly on the submission form. Use additional sheet if necessary.

2. **IMPORTANT:** Provide a SHARP, CLEAR photograph of your nominee. Please do not send your photograph on a regular sheet of paper as the quality of the photo will not work on the website. The photograph may be recent or taken during their military service. If you would like your picture returned, please provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
3. If your patriot is currently serving, please indicate whether they are deployed or have orders to deploy in the near future.
4. Your patriot **MUST** sign the consent line, providing written permission to use his/her photo and narrative.
5. Submissions may be sent electronically to akridgec@aol.com or by regular mail to:

Cara J. Akridge
Patriot of the Month Chairman
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Chapters will be notified via email. If the nominator does not have email, please list a chapter member who does.

Consider honoring your patriot on the 2023 Lights of Love tree by sending \$5.00 and the Lights of Love form to the Lights of Love Chairman, Penny Gottschalk.