



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

**Master Sergeant Carl R. Armstrong—
Patriot of the Month, June 1, 2007**



Carl Armstrong enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard in November 1963 and reported to Ft. Leonard Wood for basic training in March 1964. He was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado, for AIT. His MOS was in Communications.

During his assignment with the 1175th at Moberly, MO, Carl became Communications Chief. He was honorably discharged in November 1969. In May 1973, he reenlisted as Communications Chief, and then transferred to Supply Sergeant. In 1974, he went full time with the National Guard. In July 1980, he became an active-duty Army National Guard Recruiter. He recruited for the Moberly, Macon, Kirksville, Mexico, Columbia, Boonville, and Jefferson City Units.

MSG Armstrong served as Assistant NCOIC of Area Six Recruiters from 1994-1996; Senior Strength Manager for the 128th Field Artillery Battalion from 1996-1999; Senior MEPS Guidance Counselor and IADT Coordinator for the state of Missouri from 1999-2000; and NCOIC for Area Six Recruiters from 2000-2001. In November 1995, MSG Armstrong was named the National Guard "Recruiter of the Year" for the state of Missouri. He and his wife traveled to Washington, D.C., for the "Chiefs 50" military banquet and awards ceremony, which honored the "Recruiter of the Year" from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the

Virgin Islands. During his recruiting career, MSG Armstrong has recruited over a battalion (over 1000 soldiers).

MSG Armstrong retired in November 2001 from Headquarters STARC in Jefferson City as a Senior MEPS Guidance Counselor and Operations Sergeant for the recruiting force in the state of Missouri. He transferred to the Command of Retired Reserve. During his military career, he graduated from Tarkio College, magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science Degree and dual major in Management and Criminal Justice.

In December 2003, MSG Armstrong worked as a civilian for Military Personal Services in a Family Assistance Center for northeast and central Missouri with an office in Macon. The Family Assistance Center is for families of mobilized soldiers of any branch of service. In July 2005, he became the Recruiting Operations and Training Specialist for recruiters and is currently in that position.

Carl and his wife, Erma Jean, have two children and two grandchildren. Carl is a member of the Gideons, and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, where he is the adult Sunday school teacher and music director. For two years and two months, Carl worked every day as a volunteer renovating and rebuilding Pleasant Hill Church. He is also an avid hunter of elk, deer, and turkey.

Carl's wife, Erma Jean, is a new member of Armstrong Chapter. The Armstrong Chapter is proud to nominate Master Sergeant Carl R. Armstrong for Patriot of the Month.