

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Tellico Village VFW Post 12135



Jay Carroll served in the United States Air Force (USAF) in the Security Forces career field. He is proud of his family's military history and is a third-generation Airmen. His grandfather served in the Missouri National Guard as an Army Infantry Soldier. Eventually, his unit was disbanded, and he was then transferred to the Army Air Corps and served in WWII. He received a battlefield commission in WWII and was promoted to the rank of Major. A unique situation he experienced is that he was "rifted" back to the rank of Master Sergeant (MSgt/E7) at the end of WWII. Jay's grandfather was also deployed and served in the Korean War, but this time in the Air Force. Again, he received a battlefield commission, but to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC/O5) during the Korean War. When his grandfather returned from Korea, he was again rifted back to MSgt. However, when he retired, he was able to maintain his LTC rank as his retirement rank. Jay's father also served in the USAF for 20 years as a Chaplain Manager and retired as a MSgt.

Jay Carroll is an independent security management consultant leveraging over 35 years of law enforcement, security, and leadership experience in civilian, military, and corporate roles. He joined the Air Force Active-Duty in January 1990. Jay's Grandfather swore him in with the Oath of Office when Jay received his commission as a Second Lieutenant (2LT). His Dad was the first person to salute Jay during his commission ceremony. Throughout his

career he successfully commanded multiple military units at the group and squadron levels and had staff assignments at the MAJCOM, COCOM, Air Staff, and various deployments. He garnered numerous awards, the highest being the Defense Superior Service Medal. His military base-level assignments included Malmstrom AFB, Kunsan AB, Langley AFB, Ellsworth AFB, and Minot AFB. Jay's deployments include the Kosovo Campaign 1998 – 1999, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in Afghanistan 2003 – 2004, and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in 2005. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel (O6) and retired in August 2012.

In his retirement, he maintains active certifications, including Certified Protection Professional (CPP), Project Management Professional (PMP), and A.L.I.V.E. Active Shooter Survival Instructor. He has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and graduate degrees in National Security Studies, Aerospace Science, and Management. He has consulting roles supporting various government, commercial, and private clients.

Jay joined the Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #12135 in May 2022 and then was immediately appointed as the Adjutant to the Post. He has been a Life Member of the VFW since 1994. Jay also serves as the lead for maintaining the organization's Volunteer Community Servicer Hours reports. Jay and his wife, Wendy, also support the Tennessee Dachshund Rescue and KARM. His wife also served in the USAF and achieved the rank of LTC and is also retired from military service. They also have a son, Dylan, who is in college as a senior at Clemson majoring in Genetics.

The Tellico Village VFW Post #12135 General meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. in the Tellico Village Yacht Club every third Wednesday of the month. Further information can be found on the Post's website at: <https://www.tvvfw.org/>.