

BARRY LOUDERMILK

Veteran | Public Servant | Historian

Barry Loudermilk is a native of Georgia, born and raised Riverdale, a small community south of Atlanta. Barry's father was a WWII veteran; and, after returning home from the war, became a construction contractor. His dad had a deep interest in Biblical theology and American history which had a significant influence on Barry. His mother was a homemaker and worked in retail sales.

Barry is the youngest of three children, with a sister and brother who were in their teens when he was born. In his early years, as the only child living at home, Barry had a close relationship with his dad and often followed him around on side construction and maintenance projects, learning the value of hard work at a young age. During these times with his father, Barry listened to his dad tell stories about the Bible, WWII, the history of the world and the foundations of our nation. As his dad shared his wisdom and knowledge, Barry's faith and patriotism grew strong. In the coming years, Barry would study the Bible, our founding documents, and the lives of America's heroes. Through his research, Barry became an influential voice on America's foundations and heritage.

After high school, Barry temporarily moved to Alaska to work construction, and met his future wife, Desiree, at church. A year later, they were married; and shortly after he felt the call to serve his country. Following in the footsteps of his father and brother, both veterans, Barry joined the U.S. Air Force. Barry served in the communications and intelligence fields at duty stations in the Continental U.S., the Pacific and Arctic regions. Eight years and three children later, Barry left the Air Force and went to work for a defense contractor; and shortly thereafter, returned to Georgia where he started an information technology services company in metropolitan Atlanta.

During his over twenty years as the owner of a small business, Barry, and his family became active in local politics, hoping to make a difference within their own

community. Within a few years, Barry was elected by the people in his community to serve as Chairman of the local county republican party. A short time later, Barry was approached about running for the Georgia State House of Representatives; and, in November of 2004 was elected to serve at the State Capitol in Atlanta. Six years later Barry ran for the State Senate, where he served for three years before launching a year-long campaign for United States Congress. In November of 2014, Barry was elected to represent a portion of northwest Georgia as a U.S. Representative in Congress.

Running a campaign for Congress, while operating a small business and raising a family, was one of the busiest times in Barry's life and often seemed overwhelming. But as he had done throughout his life during times of difficulty, Barry leaned on his faith and the inspiration passed down from his father.

Throughout his life of service to his community, state and nation, Barry has faced numerous times of trial and difficulty, including a domestic terrorist attack, assassination attempts on he and his wife, a near fatal car wreck, a train derailment, death threats and false accusations against him and his family. Through all of this, Barry has maintained his commitment to God, family, country and service, with a positive attitude, by leaning on his faith. He's often quoted something he heard his father say, "Doing what is right isn't always easy, nor is it always popular, but it is always the right thing to do." And this still helps to guide his life.

Today, Barry shares inspirational stories of his life, and of others who have faced insurmountable odds and persevered, and how God uses these times to make us stronger.

Barry is an avid outdoorsman, a veteran, an historian, an inspirational speaker, an author, a public servant, and a patriot who loves God, his family, and his country dearly. Barry resides in northwest Georgia with his wife, Desiree. They have three grown children, and seven grandchildren.