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Kathleen "Kit" Tuck

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Kathleen "Kit" Maria Tuck was born on November 18, 1948. She attended Lamar High School and graduated in 1966. She received her Associate of Arts Degree from Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri and then attended Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.

Kit enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1970, serving five and one half years on active duty.

Kit was one of only thirteen women at that time to have qualified as marksman in both pistol and rifle. She remembers her father teaching her to shoot when she was only six years old, and saving his life by shooting a rabid fox when she was seven.

Kit's Air Force specialty was computer programming. She was assigned to the Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Tactical Air Command Headquarters, and Headquarters Air Force. While assigned to the NASA-TIPI, she was part of a team that experimented with new computer equipment and programming techniques.

One of Kit's most interesting experiences was being sworn in for an early reenlistment by a Four Star General and having her picture on the cover of the *Stars*

and Stripes Magazine. Her most fun assignment was as Associate Golf Pro at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, New York, while she awaited completion of the new computer center. Kit's most memorable military experience was being part of the delegation that welcomed home the first group of Prisoners of War from Vietnam.

After her discharge from the Air Force, she served in Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard.

In her civilian career, Kit started her own computer consulting business. She later she worked for the Bank of America as their Asian Division Systems Security Officer. She started the first large scale handmade paper mill in the Philippines. After the revolution, Kit was named Entrepreneur of the Year by President Aquino.

She went on to do global consulting for the United Nations and United Nations Development Project. She also consulted with the United States Agency for International Development working with indigent women in third world countries. For this effort she was awarded the Soroptimist International Women Helping Women Award.

In 1999, Kit returned to the United States and opened a restaurant in her home town. She later went into sales and has won many awards for her work.

Kit has always been active as a professional fine artist. She has won international design awards, multiple gold medals and first place awards in many competitions.

She was a charter member of the Charity Greene Ward Chapter DAR. Now she is a member of Rhoda Fairchild Chapter DAR, where she has served on various committees.