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Patriot of the Month

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Lia Griffin

United States Navy

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Lia enlisted in the United States Navy in 1979 and completed her basic training in Orlando, Florida. Upon completion she received training as an Air Traffic Controller becoming a certified tower operator in flight data, ground control and local control as well as a certified radar operator. She also received explosives training and attended anti-submarine warfare school among others.

She spent 5 years active duty from 1980 to 1985 at NWC China Lake. While at China Lake, Lia was involved with the Navy's development, testing and evaluation of cutting edge weapons systems. She worked with MT DARC Radar, was present for the first testing of the B2 bomber as well as testing on the Tomahawk and Side Winder Missiles and was also present during the Gallant Eagle Operation.

The camaraderie and working as a team with hard work and long hours gave Lia an amazing experience of what could be accomplished. She would recommend all young people who are looking for but may not be sure of what they want to do with their life to join, to visit the possibilities by serving their country. The best advice she could give is to not be afraid of setting a wrong right. Don't hesitate to speak up, for you are responsible for your work environment and Lia quoted, "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing," a quote attributed to Edmund Burke.

Lia has worked as an accountant in her civilian career and talks of her family's great history of serving our nation. She belongs to several lineage organizations among which is the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the Scottish-American Military Society, the Mayflower Society, the National Society United States Daughters of 1812, to name a few.

Lia was retired from the Navy after 24 years of active duty, active reserve and inactive reserve service.

Ozark Spring Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Lia Griffin as Patriot of the Month for her patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.

