

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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Ann Brazil

United States Army



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Ann Brazil enlisted in the Women's Army Corps (WACS) as part of the Army's Student Nurse Program while attending the University of Oregon School of Nursing. She entered the service June 10, 1963 and attended Basic Training in September of 1966 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Then was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO in 1967. She was discharged from the service in May 1967. She reentered the ANC in January of 1982 and retired with 20 years of service in 1998. During her first time in she was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and the 85th Evacuation Hospital in Quinton, Vietnam. During her second time in the service she was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Heidelberg, Germany,

Ann's awards include: National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Duties she found most interesting included: the Vietnam experience; serving as an Assistant Inspector General (IG) in Europe, as project officer for the Joint Commission of the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JACHO); and developing the content of the first complete Quality Management Course for the Army's Master's Program in Health Care Administration and then teaching the course for three years.

In keeping with the best advice she ever received, "Be all that you can be!", she worked as a registered nurse, staff nurse, Director of an Intensive Care Unit, set up programs for Discharge Planning, Infection Control, Staff Education and Quality Management. She set up Quality Management Programs in three different hospitals before reentering ANC in 1982. After retiring in 1998, she consultanted to the Army Medical Department's Quality Management Office contributing to a total rewrite of the Medical Department's Quality Management Regulation. Then she turned to civilian nursing as a Workmen's Compensation Case Manager and helped to create a Utilization Review Program as part of their Quality Management Program. She developed a Quality Management Program for a Disease Management Program, resulting in a first time accreditation for the company.

Within a year of retiring, the Department of Defense asked her to serve as a member of a congressionally mandated Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the Quality of Healthcare within the DOD and make recommendations for improvement. She is very proud of the work she performed in this area.

Ann has been married for 55 years to the "dashing infantry officer" she met at her first duty station. They now live in a retirement community where she serves on the Hospitality Committee, the veteran's group, and the Retired Nurses Reminiscing (which she started).

Her greatest pleasure comes from being the "muffin lady". She makes home baked muffins and takes them to new residents, those in continuing care center, and those who do not get out much.

Sarah Lewis Boone Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Ann Brazil as Patriot of the Month for her patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.