



**Missouri State Society
Daughters of the American
Revolution**

PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

William McAlear (USAF, Ret.)

In February, 1942, at the age of 20, Bill joined the U.S. Army Air Corps (as the U.S. Air Force was originally called.) His flight training took place in Texas after which he was assigned as instructor of flight training at the newly-opened air base in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Following 16 months as a flight instructor, he later served as a pilot for the Air Transport Command in the South Pacific. During his service as a military pilot, he flew the PT-19, BT-13, AT-6, B-24, B-25, C-47, and C-54 aircraft.

When Bill was discharged in the spring of 1946, he returned home to Marshall, Missouri, and attended Missouri Valley

College, where he graduated in 1949 with a degree in business. He then went to work for MFA Insurance in Columbia, Missouri, and later became an agent in Marshall, Missouri (a position he held until his retirement). He further served his country by devoting 23 years to the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

He married Marcille Vesser, and they had two children: Georgann and John. After Marcille's death, he later married Alice Marsh Alexander. Bill has three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Now 82, Bill enjoys reading, watching sports events, and spending time with his family.

It is our pleasure to nominate Bill McAlear for the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution's "Patriot of the Month."



Georgann McAlear DeMoss, daughter
Marshall Chapter
Marshall, Missouri

Sally Lyons McAlear, daughter-in-law
Rachel Donelson Chapter
Springfield, Missouri