



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the
American Revolution*

Patriot of the Month, January 2009

Reba Phillips Piper

After a life of moving around following her father's job with the pipeline, Reba's family finally settled down in rural Bronaugh, Missouri. She graduated from Bronaugh High School in 1962 and joined the Air force that summer. After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, she was sent to Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan as an administrative assistant in procurement.

Reba met her husband, A2C Gary Piper (also Patriot of the Month), when they both pulled KP duty. They were married in February 1963. When she became pregnant with their first child, Reba was forced to resign from the Air Force. In those days you were not allowed to stay in the military if you were pregnant. She followed Gary for the next twenty years as he pursued his military career. They were stationed at: Selfridge AFB, Michigan; Sheppard AFB, Texas; Laredo AFB, Texas; and Reese AFB, Texas. They were stationed at Sheppard AFB three different times. In 1971 she received her L.V.N. nursing license.

Reba and Gary have three children and five grandchildren. Today they are retired and live in Bonaugh, Missouri. She does occasional private duty **nursing**. Reba enjoys crafts and woodworking. She does charity work for the Leukemia Foundation, Salvation Army, and Indian Mission Schools. Reba is a member of the Elizabeth Carey Chapter NSDAR.