

**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Proudly "Spotlights" our September 2010  
Patriot of the Month**



**Elizabeth Ann  
Krueger Billham**

Sponsored by:

**Nancy Hunter Chapter  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri**



**Elizabeth Billham was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, February 21, 1951. In 1969 she graduated from Central High School. She enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1973. After completing Technical School at Wichita Falls, Texas she was assigned to George Air Force Base in California as a Corrosion Control Trainee painting the F-4 aircraft. In 1976, Elizabeth was assigned to Sondstrom Air Base in Greenland to support the Northern Icecap Distant Early Warning Radar sites. She transferred in 1977 to Headquarters Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. Elizabeth was assigned to the Procurement Staff Plans and Policies Division, which inspired her to cross-train into the procurement career field. In 1978 she was assigned to the 437th Contracting Division, Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, as a Procurement Trainee.**

**Elizabeth completed active duty in 1983 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. She was assigned to the Associated Reserve 300 Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina as an Operations Specialist. Elizabeth transitioned to federal civil service as a Procurement Specialist. She remained in the Reserves and was called into active duty, serving in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Elizabeth retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1994.**

**Elizabeth's medals and awards include:**

- **1982 Military Airlift Contracting Outstanding NCO Award**
- **Air Force Commendation Medal - 1 Device**
- **Air Force Achievement Medal**
- **Air Force Reserve Meritorious Service Medal**
- **National Defense Medal**
- **Air Force Longevity Medal - 5 Devices**
- **Air Force Good Conduct Medal**
- **Air Force Reserve Good Conduct Medal**
- **Air Force Reserve Medal**

**Elizabeth continues to work at Charleston Air Force Base where she has held various positions such as Supplies Buyer, Contracting Officer, Contract Specialist, Commodities Flight Chief, and quality assurance. Elizabeth is currently serving as Contracting Officer overseeing large dollar contracts and small purchases for Charleston Air Force Base and Charleston Naval Weapons Station. She completed thirty-six years of Federal Service in 2009.**

**Elizabeth is married and has two children and two grandchildren. She was a member of the Nancy Hunter Chapter in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and served as the Organizing Vice Regent of the Susannah Smith Elliott Chapter in Summerville, South Carolina. She is serving as a South Carolina State District Director. Her daughter is also a member of the Susannah Smith Elliott Chapter.**