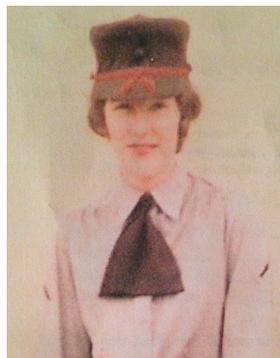


Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Sallie Westenberger

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Sallie entered the U.S. Marine Corps in Jacksonville, Florida, on July 27, 1964. At that time, she was a supply clerk. She helped take inventory of everything on the base. She was transferred to Paris Island, South Carolina, to do her basic training. It was the only place at that time that women could go for training. While there, her duties again were as a supply clerk to the whole camp. She attained a rank of PFC, and was then discharged on January 5, 1965. She received no medals while in her tour of duty as at that time women were not allowed to go into combat except for the nursing staff.

Sallie came to St. Louis, Missouri, in December of 1966, where she married her current husband, Carl, at a Lutheran Church, and they had one child. Sallie worked at a bank in Jacksonville, Florida, and obtained the same type of employment after her move to St. Louis. She performed the duties of a statement clerk.

Throughout her life, Sallie has been active in community affairs. She joined the Optimist Club and served as president for two terms and as lieutenant governor for two separate years. She is a member of the American Legion and served as a post commander for the 6th district. She is certified by the St. Louis County Community Response Team and can be called up in cases of emergency. Sallie was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Brentwood, Missouri, for six years.

When asked about her military experience, she answered as a true American, "I feel it was an honor and privilege to serve my country as a United States Marine."

The Daughters of the St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Sallie Westenberger as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for her patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.