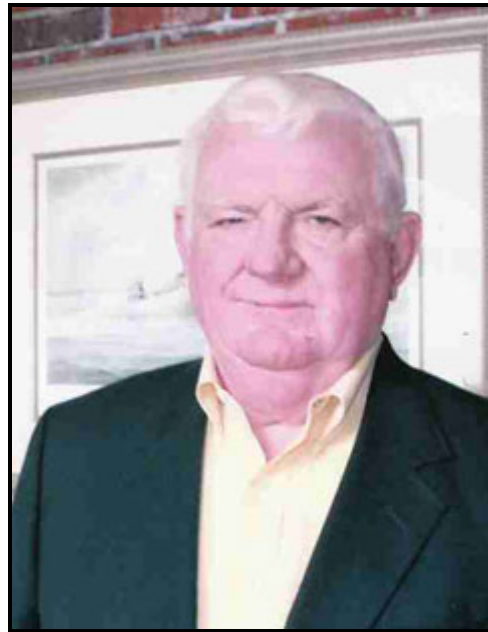




## **Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution**



### **Patriot of the Month, August 2007 Robert "Bob" L. Defer, U.S. Army Ret.**

Bob DeFer served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1976 in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam. He was a Field Artillery Officer and achieved the rank of Major. Bob received the Army Commendation Medal, the Bronze Star, and Meritorious Service Medal.

While still an Army officer, Bob was assigned to Washington University's ROTC program, where he served as Commandant of Cadets.

After retiring from the Army, Bob was employed as a physician practice administrator at St. Louis University School of Medicine. He retired from that position in 1997.

Bob was married to Susan Lindberg Defer for 41 years and has four children and six grandchildren. Susan died in 1997 and in 2000, Bob married Doris Melvin, whom he met at the Missouri Baptist Grief Support Program. They have been married for six years. They enjoy their children and grandchildren, travel, and belong to Ivy Chapel UCC.

Bob lost many friends in the line of duty during his military service. He is thankful for his survival and has an appreciation of life and work, and enjoys life to the fullest. He is a very

supportive HODAR for Doris who is Regent of Mary Hempstead Lisa Chapter. Doris is proud to nominate him for Patriot of the Month.