## Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

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## Eleanor Elaine Fink Gibson

**United States Navy** 

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Eleanor was born in Iowa and received her training in Finance and Management at De Paul University, Chicago and from tax courses at Deloittle. She entered the United States Naval Reserve in 1982 and was assigned to the Glenview Naval Air Station, Illinois and the First Intelligence Rapid Service Station of the Europe and Atlantic (First 1472) and VP Squadron 60. In lieu of boot camp, she took a basic course in Military Procedures. Eleanor held the rank of Intelligence Specialist (IS1) and First Class Petty Officer. She attended Career Counsellor School and served as a Career Counselor to new personnel as a secondary duty. She was honorably discharged in 1994.

Eleanor's primary duty was photo analyst, which means she was in an intelligence support unit for naval intelligence. The unit's analyses were used by active duty personnel. Because of her level of security clearance, her job description cannot be further defined.

Eleanor's most outstanding occasions were active duties at the Pentagon where she saw first-hand how the Department of the Navy worked. She met officers of many levels. She fondly remembers sitting in the courtyard during lunch time and listening to the Navy Band!

During her time in service, Eleanor received a Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, several letters of appreciation, and was ranked 4.0 out 4.0 by the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, DC. One of the letters of appreciation was for serving as Treasurer of the Navy Women's National Convention. In this role as Treasurer of the convention attended by over 1,000, Eleanor received checks, handled bank deposits and maintained detailed information on the attendees.

Eleanor worked in finance for several large and small companies. Her job titles included client service, Director of Finance in the Chicago Office, Manager of shared services center, and Director of Global Reporting. Genealogy is Eleanor's hobby and it keeps her busy. She has posted over 3,500 photos on Find-A-Grave, indexed over 3,000 items for the NSDAR indexing project, and co-authored a book on local cemeteries. In addition she is a member of 4 genealogical societies. Eleanor has one son, two daughters, and three granddaughters who are the joy of her life. She also loves animals. Eleanor has served as Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary for her DAR chapter. Olde Town Fenton is proud to honor and recognize Eleanor Elaine Fink Gibson as Patriot of the Month for her patriotism and dedicated service to our great nation.