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Patriot of the Month

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Margaret "Maggie" G. Bolling-Bush

United States Marine Corps

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Marine recruiters visited at Margaret "Maggie" Bolling's college during her senior year in 1965, so she went down to talk to them. Wanting to serve her country and see the world, Maggie joined up with the United State Marine Corps. When she took their test, she was told that she had the highest score ever taken at the time. Her college major was literature and they weren't sure where to place her when she joined so they placed her as a reporter with the Marines. Maggie was given a choice of

Vietnam, Japan or Okinawa and she choose Okinawa. Getting to know the people in Okinawa and their customs was a wonderful experience, which Maggie relishes to this day.

After six months in Okinawa, Maggie was chosen to be editor of the Marine newspaper, "The Landing Zone." There were many rules and regulations to adhere to but Maggie wanted to lift the spirits of our Marines who were serving in tough and dangerous conditions in Vietnam. Maggie was particularly pleased with her first Christmas edition that featured a Christmas tree on the cover with different Marine faces on packages under the tree. She used five different print colors on the cover which was a problem at first as they had a rule to limit the print colors in her newspaper to only two. However after it was learned that this Christmas cover was displayed on so many of the Marines' lockers that were serving in Vietnam, her choice of five colors was more acceptable since this served as their tree and was the only Christmas adornment for so many of the Marines stationed so far from home. During her service, Maggie was proud to serve her country for five years active and reserve duty during a difficult time in our history.

Maggie was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Requesting an early discharge from the Marine Corps, she was discharged in January, 1969, in order to return to Missouri with her husband after his discharge from the United States Navy in December, 1968.

Maggie met and later married James "Jim" Bush, a Navy Seal, who often visited Okinawa between missions. Jim and Maggie retired to Jim's home town in Missouri a few years ago and have served their community admirably. They own the local theatre and provide a few free days for the local children each year and have many special holiday events for the local families to enjoy, which Maggie dedicates many hours of planning and preparation to make each holiday special. Maggie enjoys singing in her town's chapter of the Sweet Adeline's International. She is involved in charity work with local churches and her county museum. She has been active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, having served as Post Commander. Maggie has served on the Board of Directors for many organizations in her community.

Alexander Doniphan Chapter Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Margaret "Maggie" G. Bolling-Bush as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for her commitment to her community and her dedicated patriotic service to our great nation.