

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



Patriot of the Month

May 2019



**Julia Goodell**

**United States Army**

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Julia enlisted in the United States Army in 1976 at the age of 29 and was part of the first all-female training company where competence course standards had the same requirements for females as for males. She trained at Ft. Gordon, GA and The Presidio in San Francisco. Julia was deployed with the 97th Signal Battalion to Mannheim, Germany as the only woman out of 90 troops.



Radio teletype code qualified, Julia says 'I stood ready, and if that code came through, I knew that I had only 45 seconds to send that one vital message to the US Commander in charge of our 250,000 troops before Russia came across and I would be killed. I knew it was dangerous but important.'

During her service, Julia was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Outstanding Battalion Soldier and Soldier of the Month. One of her proudest moments was when she took the oath to protect the Constitution.

Having been a school teacher for six years before entering the service, Julia returned to teaching for an additional twenty-four years. She continues to be active in politics and civic duty, serving the DAR, the United Methodist Church, Columbia Theological Seminary, Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Church Women United.

Columbian Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Julia Goodell as Patriot of the Month for her dedication, patriotism and service to our great nation.