

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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**Maella Blalock**

**United States Army**



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Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Maella Blalock is a native of Springfield, Missouri. She enlisted in 1977 in the Army Reserves, Women's Army Corps, serving as the Finance Clerk for a local reserve Military Police unit. She continued her reserve service overseas with the 3747th USAR School and the Army Reserve Headquarters, Munich Germany. In 1983 she received a direct commission to the Finance Corps, going from Staff Sergeant to Second Lieutenant. She was assessed onto active duty following graduation from the Officer Basic Course.

LTC Blalock has held positions in Finance and as a Foreign Area Officer. Key assignments include: Battalion Commander, 27th Finance Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas; Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation, American Embassy, Lithuania; Executive Officer, 266th Finance Command, Heidelberg Germany; Plans Officer, International Operations Division, United States Army Europe, Heidelberg Germany; Detachment Commander, 267th Finance Support Unit, Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Deputy Finance Officer, 127th Finance Support Unit, Supreme Allied Command Europe, Mons Belgium.

Her decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Award with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon fifth award, the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon ninth award. Foreign awards include the Lithuanian National Defense Achievement Award, and the Germany Military Sporting Award.

LTC Blalock stated that helping former Soviet Union countries develop the equipment and training to join western military alliances including NATO and the EU were the highlight of her career. She followed her active-duty service with 11 years of teaching Junior ROTC in Muskegon, Michigan; Monett, Missouri and Clinton, Missouri. Her retirement is filled with teaching private piano, serving the community through numerous support groups, serving with the Military Officers Association of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, her church and her grandchildren. She is proud to have been able to serve her county and raise three wonderful daughters while serving.

Alexander McNair Chapter Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Maella Blalock as Patriot of the Month for her patriotism and dedicated service to our great nation.

