

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Patriot of the Month

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## Dr. Bill Buchman

**United States Army**

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In 1972, upon graduation from Kansas State University with a degree in veterinary medicine, Dr. Bill Buchman enlisted in the United States Army. Having grown up in Paola, Kansas, he knew the Army was a way to see different places. He completed five weeks of officer training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Following completion of the training, he was stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. It was here that he trained in his duties as an army veterinarian.



His permanent station was Presidio of San Francisco. In his day-to-day duties, he was responsible for the health of the food for the army both stateside and overseas. He inspected meal plants to oversee their processes, but his duties mostly centered around food inspections. This included bakery, dairy, frozen and canned foods, as well as the px, commissaries, restaurants and the mess hall.

In the warehouse, he worked alongside his naval comrades at the Oakland Alameda Naval Station inspecting the food. From the warehouse, food was loaded onto ships going to Vietnam and Korea. As leftover food returned to the United States, he again inspected the food to ensure its safety.

As a veterinarian, he also worked in the veterinary clinic in San Francisco mostly limited to the animals of army personnel. His duties there included protection of public health to ensure animals were free of scabies, administering rabies vaccinations, as well as general vaccinations.

The most interesting thing Dr. Buchman saw was the amazing amount of food that was stored in our warehouses and then loaded onto ships for troops overseas.

He was honorably discharged in 1974 at the rank of Captain.

Dr. Buchman owned his own veterinary practice Lee's Summit, MO for 33 years but soon realized full retirement wasn't for him. He joined Lee's Summit Animal Hospital in 2014 where he works two to three days a week caring for our pets. He is also an avid golfer, playing as much as three times a week.

He is a past member of the Lion's Club and the Kansas City Veterinary Medical Association. Today, in his spare time, he is involved in his church activities, is president of his Homeowners Association and has been known to coach a few baseball games for the kids.

He and his wife Marilyn have four children, seven grandchildren, and reside in Lee's Summit, Missouri.