

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month

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Linda Hansel

United States Army

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Linda Hansel enlisted in the U.S. Army October 19, 1963. Her basic training in Fort McClellan, Alabama was quite memorable. On November 22, 1963, she was in health class. A Colonel entered the class and instructed everyone to return to the barracks in silence, as he announced, "Our President has just been shot." The formal retreat for President John F. Kennedy was the most interesting thing she saw in the service.



Linda was then assigned to Ft Sam Houston, Texas for medical training. After her medical training in Ft Sam Houston, she was assigned to the 5th Army Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois. Her duties in Army meds included: performing x-rays, giving injections, and taking ambulance runs. She was at the Homecoming Headquarters for Veterans and families and dispensed medicine and gave injections to them. Chicago was special because that is where she had the opportunity to see President Lyndon Johnson.

The best advice she received in the service was to Just do her best. She learned compassion for helping her veterans and family. Linda earned the SP4 rank early and loved marching.

Honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1965, she worked for 25 years at the St Louis Veterans Hospital, then as a Para Teacher in the Northwest School District where she retired. From 1977-2018, Linda volunteered as a scout leader. She also volunteered for 20 years at the local peace pantry.

She presently belongs to the Jefferson County Genealogy Society, Raintree Art Group and St Martin United Church of Christ in Dittmer, MO. Linda's hobbies include Oil painting, family history research, and Genealogy research for others. That is apparent in her involvement in these community organizations.

On June 10-11, 2023, Linda participated in the Honor Flight out of St Louis airport to Washington D.C. sponsored through the Franklin County Honor Flight. This is where she felt appreciated for the first time for serving our great country. As the only female veteran on the honor flight, she was affirmed over and over that her duties in the military were important. As she commented, "It was awesome!"

The Daughters of the Louisiana Purchase Chapter NSDAR are proud to nominate Linda Hansel as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for her patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.