

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



*Proudly Honors*  
**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH**  
**OCTOBER 2024**



**NANCY H. GANSCHINIETZ**  
CAPTAIN (O-3)  
UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVES  
1976-1994  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVES  
1994-2001  
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Nancy joined the service to serve her country. She has relatives who fought in the American Revolutionary War as well as the Civil War. Her father was unable to serve in the military and she wanted to continue the tradition.

Nancy entered the Army Reserves in 1976 as a Private First Class (E3) because she had an Associate's Degree in Veterinary Technology. After basic training, she was a Food Inspector and Veterinary Technician at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. She was also stationed at the Army Personnel Center Contingency Group Reinforced in St. Louis, Missouri, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

She received her commission in the Army Nursing Corps in 1992 and served at the 303rd Field Hospital in St. Louis as a Clinical Nurse, Nuclear Biologic and Chemical (NBC) officer, and Personnel Officer.

Nancy changed to the Air Force Reserves in 1994 after her Field Hospital was disbanded. She was a Critical Care Air Transport Nurse in an Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. During her career, she received the Military Service Medal (Hour Glass), the Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the United States Army Medical Department Regiment, The Air Force Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), USAF Certificate of Appreciation, Reserve Officers Association of the United States Henry J. Reilly Memorial Scholarship and the Good Conduct Medal. Nancy retired in 2001 after 25 years of service to her country.

Early in basic training, she remembers doing push-ups because one woman was late due to putting on her make-up. Also, after dinner, each squad had jobs. The women had to do laundry, iron, polish shoes, and buff floors.

Nancy has been a Certified Nurse Anesthetist since 1996 and currently works part-time. She volunteers at her church in Dardenne Prairie, Missouri. The best advice she can give is “stand up for what you know is right.”