

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



*Proudly Honors*  
**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH**  
**MAY 2025**

**ELLEN DUVALL**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**  
**JANUARY 1969 – DECEMBER 1969**  
**UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE**  
**1990**  
**COMMANDER (CDR)**  
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Ellen Duvall joined the United States Navy during her senior year at the University of Minnesota. She entered active duty at Philadelphia Naval Hospital and then received orders to the USS Sanctuary hospital ship in DaNang, Vietnam, which arrived in January 1969.

As a Vietnam veteran, she remembers how military personnel were viewed by the general public during the Vietnam era. She left the Navy in December 1969, for civilian nursing and married. Several years later, continuing her civilian career, she joined the Navy Reserve, and her unit deployed to Desert Storm in 1990, serving there for six months.

During her service, she received the following awards/medals:

- Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal
- Navy Unit Commendation
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Navy /Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

Ellen has a bachelor's and a master's degree in nursing and taught nursing for the last 15 years of her career at Burge and then Cox College, retiring in 2006. She and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 50th anniversary a few months before he died in 2021.

Ellen continues to be active in military organizations. Wanting to honor other veterans, she flew as a guardian with the Ozarks Honor Flight when only WWII veterans were sent to Washington. Several years later the National Honor Flight Organization opened Honor Flights to Korean and Vietnam veterans and the Honor Flight of the Ozarks was formed in 2013 for this expanded role. She became an active volunteer assisting with fundraisers and helping with preparations for the flights. In 2019, she was honored to fly on an Honor Flight as a veteran.

In addition to the Honor Flight, Ellen is a member of the Reserve Organization of America, which supports the Reserve components of all our military services in National Security. She is also a member of the Women Veterans of Southwest Missouri American Legion Post 1214.

The Rachel Donelson Chapter, NSDAR, is honored to nominate Ellen Duvall for Patriot of the Month.