



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month, June 2008 Gloria Bosco

Gloria Bosco enlisted in the US Women's Army Corps in May 1950. She served during the Korean Conflict as a medic at the Tokyo Army Hospital (JLQ) in Pusan and Seoul, Korea. She also served with the Troop Information and Education Section, which included *Stars and Stripes*, AFRS and Public Relations. When she left the WAC's in April 1953, she had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Gloria was the recipient of the following honors and citations:

- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Japan Occupation Medal
- National Defense Medal
- Korean Service Medal
- United Nations Medal
- Women's Army Corps Service Medal
- U.S. Presidential Unit Citation
- Korean Presidential Unit Citation

Gloria joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in September 1978, the very first day that women were declared eligible to join the organization at the National Convention in Dallas, and became a life member in 1979. Throughout her 26 years with the

organization, she has held numerous appointed and elected offices and chairmanships on the National levels in the Departments of Missouri and California. She served as the VFW Department Surgeon for five years. She served through the Post and District Chairs and as Commander of the Fourth District, led the Fourth District to All-State Honors in 1987-88. She was the first woman to hold these line positions in the Department of California.

As a trailblazer for women veterans in the Department, Gloria has displayed outstanding capabilities in all her assignments. She was appointed by the Governor to two Commissions, and was the VFW representative to both these Commissions. Gloria was appointed the Chairman for Citizenship for the VFW Department of Missouri by the State Commander at the June 2006 Convention held in Columbia, MO.

Gloria was married to the late LTC Edward Bosco, US Air Force (Ret.) for 44 years. They have six children, 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Gloria is a retired graphic and commercial artist. She is a member of the American Legion, Women's Army Corps Association, AMVETS, Korean War Veterans Association, Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA), a 30-year member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, and a life member of the MOC. When she finds the time, her hobbies are fashion design and sewing.

Carol McKay, Regent of the Webster Groves Chapter NSDAR proudly nominated Gloria Bosco for Patriot of the Month.