



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month, April 2008 Governor Warren E. Hearnes

Warren E. Hearnes was born in Moline, Illinois. He attended the Charleston, Missouri, public schools, then West Point Military Academy. He served in the US Army with the 65th Infantry during World War II, earning the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Mr. Hearnes served at Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Camp Robinson, Arkansas; and in Puerto Rico.

In 1950, Mr. Hearnes was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives from Mississippi County, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri Law School in 1952 and opened a law office in East Prairie. He was elected to Secretary of State in 1960. He was elected Governor of Missouri in 1964 and reelected in 1968—the first Governor of Missouri to serve eight consecutive years in office. In 1980 he served as a Circuit Court Judge, making him the only person to serve in all three branches of Missouri state government.

Mr. Hearnes married the former Betty Sue Cooper. They are the parents of three daughters and four grandchildren.

Governor Hearnes is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Freemasons, Shriners, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks, Lions Club, and Missouri Bar Association. He and Betty are members of the Baptist Church. Betty Hearnes and the members of King's Highway Chapter NSDAR are proud to nominate Governor Warren E. Hearnes for Patriot of the Month.