

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Proudly "Spotlights" our August 2011  
Patriot of the Month



**Margaret Parks**

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Washington, Missouri



**Margaret Janette Burns Parks was born June 18, 1923, in Macon, Missouri. She lived her early life in Macon. After graduating from high school in Macon, Margaret worked as a clerk in the Selective Service Office. Her duty was sending letters to notify men they had been drafted.**

**An Army Air Corps recruiting officer encouraged Margaret to enlist. She signed on at the Federal Building in St. Louis, Missouri in 1945. Margaret went to a Camp in Des Moines, Iowa for basic training. After basic training she was transferred to El Paso, Texas for Medical Technical Training at Beaumont Army Hospital. When that training was completed, she was transferred to Buckley Air Field Hospital, Denver, Colorado. As a Medical Technician, she administered shots and worked in the surgical ward. Buckley Air Field Hospital received the wounded from the Pacific Theater on their way to Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital in Washington, DC. Margaret was then transferred to San Antonio, Texas for Dental Assistant training for an office on the base. In 1946 she was discharged from the service at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas and returned to Missouri.**

Upon her return to Missouri, she married her high school sweetheart, Bob Parks, who had also served in World War II. During Margaret's career, she worked as an executive secretary for the administrator of a hospital and secretary to the principal of a high school. Bob was a salesman for farm storage buildings. Over the years they made twenty-four moves. Bob, now deceased, and Margaret have five children, ten grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Margaret is a member of the Methodist Church, Eastern Star, and the Valley of the Meramec DAR Chapter.

Margaret was honored to be a part of the Franklin County Honor Flight on October 19, 2009. The Honor Flights provide trips for World War II veterans to Washington DC so they can visit the World War II monument.