

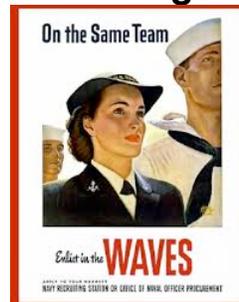


**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
February 2014**



**Dorothy Dudley Seibel
Davidson**
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Hannibal Heritage Chapter



Dorothy Dudley Seibel Davidson was born August 14, 1923 in Hannibal, Missouri. She graduated from Hannibal High School in 1940, from Hannibal-LaGrange College in 1942, and the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1943. She taught one year at Webster Groves Junior High School from 1943 to 1944.

Having two uncles in the Navy, Dorothy decided to enlist in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, WAVES. She attended Navy boot camp at Hunter College in New York, entering service in San Francisco, CA but serving her 2 year enlistment (1944-1946) in New York City. She served at the Fleet Post Office located at the Battery. Her duties included sending mail to the active naval personnel, mainly in the Pacific. While in New York

City, she lived in Manhattan Towers, a residential hotel at East 48th and Broadway. In her spare time she would attend musicals on Broadway, nightclubs, and big band performances. She shopped for her uniform at department stores such as Bonwit Teller & Company, who provided uniforms by noted designers.

One memorable experience was being in New York City on VJ-Day which happened to be her 22nd birthday. She had requested and been granted a leave to go home but all leaves were cancelled upon news of VJ-Day. Upon leaving the WAVES Dorothy returned to the University of Missouri where she met her husband, Dennis and they were married in 1947. They lived in Milwaukee until they returned to Hannibal. They have two children, Robert and Judith, three grandsons, Benjamin, Stewart, and Forrest. Dorothy first returned to teaching as a substitute and then teaching vocal music and English for the Hannibal Public Schools. She was also a guidance counselor for the Quincy Public Schools.

Dorothy has been a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) all her married life singing in the choir, directing the choristers, and starting and directing the handbell choir. She has also been active in the Mark Twain Chorale, PEO, UDC, Women's Club (GFWC), and served on the board of the Mark Twain Home and Museum.

The members of the Hannibal Heritage Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Dorothy Dudley Seibel Davidson as Patriot of the Month and wish to extend gratitude and thanks for her service to our country.