

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Mary Weeks

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Mary Weeks entered the service at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri. In early 1945, She served at Camp Carson, Colorado, and then as a commanding officer at Winter General in Topeka, Kansas, under Colonel Karl Meninger. She was a major in psychiatric nursing and saw PTSD patients; however, PTSD was not yet discovered at this time as a diagnosis. She served as a nurse on general duty in hospital wards, providing treatments and dispensing medications.

When she was discharged, her papers were mailed to her. Upon discharge she took care of her husband who was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and was treated badly. He was in the 30 Day March and walked to Germany. During the march, he was packed tightly in box car with others for seven days and could not sit down. There was a bucket in the corner of the car, which served as the bathroom. No food or water was given to the prisoners. He was a POW in Germany for seven months. Upon release he spent months in Hot Springs Rehabilitation Hospital from June 1945 to September 1945. In 1945, they married, and Mary cared for her husband until he recovered.

In her civilian life, Mary was a nurse for thirty years in California hospitals. She had three children and worked after the children entered school. She lived in Washington D.C., Arizona, and Topeka, Kansas, where she worked at the Presbyterian Manor Convalescent Center and took care of her mother. She was active in church, served as a Sunday School teacher, sang in the church choir, and went with her husband to the YWCA. She was a member of the Red Cross. Mary has two daughters, one son, six grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She was married for sixty-eight years.

The Daughters of the Missouri Shoal Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Mary Weeks as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for her patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.