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Patriot of the Month

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Betty Barbara Anderson Jewell

United States Marine Corps

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Betty Barbara Anderson Jewell was born in Michigan, in October, 1924. Her family moved to Missouri, three years later, and she has lived there since. Betty met the love of her life, Don Jewell, in the fourth grade (about 1932) and they were married in 1947.

Betty wanted to join the Marine Corps after high school, but had to wait until she was 20, as that was the rule for women then. So she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve in Kansas City in 1944, when she turned 20. She was shipped out to three months of boot camp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. After completion of boot camp, she was assigned to active duty in January, 1945, at Quantico, Virginia, where she had Quartermaster training, did office work, and took her turn at cleaning duty. She wanted to serve overseas, but at that time they told the women they could not serve overseas if they could not swim, so she remained stateside. Betty stayed busy during her two years of service and obtained the rank of Corporal. She was discharged on May, 1946, after the war ended. Betty said that she thoroughly enjoyed her time serving our country, as she thought it was a special honor, and she "was proud as a peacock to be a Marine!"

Betty's husband, Don, a Corporal and later a Third Marine Corps Sergeant, saw active duty in the Pacific Theater during World War II and experienced some horrific times fighting on Japanese Islands where so many of our young men lost their lives. Don was one of the survivors, but was unable to

talk about the actual fighting that took place on those islands. Betty's older sister, Jean, also had enlisted and served in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

Betty later reenlisted for two additional tours of duty, each tour for two years, 1947-1949, and 1950 through February, 1952. Betty's third two year tour of duty was during the Korean War conflict. Betty reenlisted in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1950 when her husband, Don, reenlisted, and Betty served another two years, and was discharged in February, 1952. After their service, Betty and Don adopted two sons and later had a daughter. Betty was a stay-at-home mom for several years. She then started doing office work at the Ball Clinic for a few years. Betty, a perky 93 years young and a life-long reader, enjoys her family, friends, and her church.

Alexander Doniphan Daughters are very proud and honored to recognize Betty Barbara Anderson Jewell as Patriot of the Month for her dedicated and patriotic service to our great nation.