



**Missouri State Society
Daughters of the American
Revolution**

PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

Bessie "Fay" Weir Bedinger



Fay Weir graduated from Clovis High School at Clovis, New Mexico. She became a licensed beautician, performing the service of cosmetologist and shop manager. Beginning in 1942, she worked at Johns Manville Ordinance Plant in Parsons, KS as a Personnel Counselor.

She joined the Navy in March, 1944, and was sent to Hunter College, Bronx, New York, for boot camp. She was then stationed at Banana River Naval Air Station in Florida. She was one of the first twelve WAVES selected to relieve Naval teachers so that they could go to active war duty. She taught Navy and Marine personnel the Norden Bombsight procedure using 7A3 trainers....a very secret job at the time of assignment, and a job previously done only by men.

In June 1944, she met her future husband, Ensign George W. Bedinger, Navy PBM pilot. They were married in March 1945. She left the Navy in October that same year. Fay and George operated George Bedinger Furniture in Liberty from 1946 to 1986. They opened Georgetown Furniture in 1987. That business is family-owned to the present. They have two children, Sue and Mike, and two grandchildren. George and Fay spent 55 wonderful years together until his death in July 2000.

Fay has been a member of the Alexander Doniphan DAR chapter since 1951. She has served as Historian, Membership Chair, C.A.R. Chair, DAR Service for Veterans Chair, and American History Chair.

Alexander Doniphan Chapter and Regent Vivian Stockwell are proud to nominate Bessie Fay Bedinger as Patriot of the Month, October, 2005.

