



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

**May 2007 Patriot of the Month
Evelyn Blackburn-Hockensmith**



In 1943, at the age of 28 years old, Evelyn Blackburn joined the WAVES, a corps of women in the U.S. Navy. WAVES stands for Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service. (The name was officially changed to Women in the United States Navy in 1946).

Evelyn was sent to New York City for Basic Training; to Stillwater, Oklahoma, for Yeoman School; and to Miami, Florida, for training in Radio, Telephone, and Cable Censorship.

Evelyn served her country until 1946. She returned to Gallatin and worked for the Farmers Home Administration for 27 years.

Evelyn was married to Edward Hockensmith, Jr. for 55 years.

Evelyn has been a member of the Gallatin Chapter NSDAR for 50 years. She transcribes and copies records at the courthouse and submits them to the Genealogical Records Committee. She is also active in her church, First Baptist.

Evelyn celebrated her 92nd birthday in April of this year. She is proud that she was able to serve her country and has given many programs on her three years in the WAVES.

Fallis Froman, of the Gallatin Chapter, proudly nominated Evelyn for Patriot of the Month. She calls Evelyn "an amazing lady....always there to lend a hand."