



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Elizabeth Louise Muir Coutts--Patriot of the Month, June 1, 2007



Louise Muir enlisted in the WAVES in October 1944 and served at Mare Island Naval Hospital, Vallejo, California. She worked as a nurse's aid giving medications and shots, changing dressings, and anything that needed to be done for the benefit of the patients, even waxing and squeegee-ing the deck. She also worked in the maternity ward, in an amputation ward, and in officers' sick quarters, sitting with WAVES who had attempted suicide. Louise was discharged in February 1946.

Louise married Charles Coutts in March 1946. Together they farmed and raised a family of three sons. They also worked very hard at the Howard County Courthouse to preserve and index old records.

Louise is 90 years young and still going strong. She has served her chapter as Regent and Registrar, has been a docent at Roslyn Heights, and was active in the MSSDAR Veterans' Club. She is also active in Arnett Busy Bees Extension Club. Having been a teacher during her career years, Louise continues to pass on her boundless knowledge of local history. She and a friend published a book recording the burials in the cemeteries in Howard County. She also works at the elections. Louise has five grandchildren.

Howard County Chapter unanimously agrees that Louise should be honored as Patriot of the Month.