



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the
American Revolution*

Patriot of the Month; November 2008

The United States Army gladly opened its doors and arms to a bright, 21 year old woman, Virginia Booy. She joined the Army Nurse Corps as a registered nurse. Her goal in mind was to help people. Virginia's brother and boyfriend were already enlisted in the Army during World War II. Virginia decided to join them without knowing what was in store for her.

Virginia was part of a surgical team working at a casualty hospital during her military career. They traveled throughout Europe. Her specialties were

emergency care, orthopedics, genitor-urinary and shock room work in addition to her general nursing duties. Staff would often work 24 hours a day. At one point, the field hospital was surrounded by enemy troops!

One December, Virginia related that her travels came to a dead end. The Army Nurse found herself trapped with her fellow soldiers in a dark, damp foxhole right in the middle of the Battle of the Bulge! The Germans broke through the American lines surrounding them. For three days they lived without food or water. There were no other nurses with Virginia, just her fellow soldiers. Suddenly, out of nowhere, the 101st Paratroopers dropped from the sky!

Along with her fellow soldiers, Virginia marched out into daylight. The first paratrooper that she met during this rescue operation happened to be a member of her church. She was never so glad to see him. What are the odds that the person rescuing you would be someone from your hometown? Virginia was in Paris on "VE" Day (Victory in Europe).

Virginia survived the famous turning point of the war, but the nightmares still remain. The memories of those experiences live in her mind and, she relates, you always carry it with you.

Sadly, a fire broke out at the Veterans Administration in 1973 where Virginia's military discharge records were stored. The fire destroyed her DD214 military discharge paper that would have indicated any medals, ribbons and commendations that she would have received. Her final rank was First Lieutenant. Virginia was honorably discharged from the US Army in February 1946.

After the war, Virginia married Eugene Scott in 1947. They have four children, ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and a hospital volunteer.

The Major Molly Chapter takes great pleasure in nominating Virginia Booy Scott as Patriot of the Month.