



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the
American Revolution*

Patriot of the Month; March 2009

When Genevieve Phipps Jennings entered the Army Nurse Corps in Kansas City on March 5, 1945, she had no idea that her first assignment would be to care for pregnant officer's wives and their babies at Fort Riley, Kansas. This was not

exactly what she had in mind. However, after a few months, she was ordered to the Pacific on a hospital ship called the Marigold. "You didn't know where you were going." Jennings said, just somewhere in the Pacific. However, fate would intervene and when the Marigold reached Hawaii, Genevieve was carried off on a stretcher with double pneumonia. She would spend the remainder of the war at Schofield Barracks on Oahu. Her patients at the 219th General Hospital included Japanese prisoners of war. Many of those she treated had stomach wounds requiring constant attention.

On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on Japan and a few days later Japan announced it was ready to give up. Jennings joined in the celebration at the officer's club and enjoyed her first glass of champagne.

Genevieve left the service the next year returning to Kansas City where she worked as a private duty nurse before marrying Hershel Jennings in 1947. They had four children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. During her years as a homemaker, she was involved in many community activities; the Stanberry PTA, the First Christian Church, active for over fifty-one years in Beta Sigma Phi, and a member of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post #260 of Stanberry, Missouri.

The Virginia Daughters Chapter proudly nominates Genevieve Phipps Jennings as Patriot of the Month.