

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Cleo A. Nollette

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Cleo Anthony “Woody” Nollette, a ninety-two year old WWII veteran, has been and continues to be a very active individual in his community. He served in the U.S. Navy from December 5, 1942 to December 5, 1945. He began his military career in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After basic training, he was assigned to a Marine Base in San Diego and was trained in fire fighting. He was deployed to Hawaii where he taught fire fighting on a land as well as aboard ship at Pearl Harbor. His service medals include: American Campaign Medal WWII, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, and Victory Medal WWII.

After his years of service, Specialist Firefighter 3rd Class Nollette became a seasonal worker in a sugar beets plant. He bought a plane from a friend and went to Spartan School of Aeronautics and received his A and E license. He attended a private and then a commercial flight school. In 1951 he began working for Boeing Aircraft. During his years with Boeing, Woody designed two different tools that made working on the airplanes more efficient. In 1965, Boeing transferred him to New Orleans. He began working on the “Saturn.” This was at the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility. While there he redesigned the plumbing of a test cart to be used on each launch of a Saturn vehicle. In December 1966, Woody retired from Boeing and went to work with TWA. He retired from TWA in 1992.

Woody has a variety of hobbies that he enjoys. He likes gardening, sewing, and woodworking. His woodworking has led him to make birdhouses, mini doll rockers, and a swinging baby crib.

Woody has served his community in many ways. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the VFW Post 7356. He is a member of the VFW Saturday morning breakfast crew. He has served on the Board of the Home Association in Park Plaza, as well as the engineer for the association.

Woody has been married to his wife, Rosemary, for forty-nine years. He has three daughters and six grandsons.

The Daughters of the Alexander Doniphan Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Cleo A. “Woody” Nollette as Patriot of the Month and extend their sincere thanks for his patriotic service and commitment to our great country.