

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

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Harriett Daniel

**United States
Women's Army Corps**

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Harriett Daniel was born in Kansas and raised in northern Oklahoma. At the age of 21, she entered the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), later known as the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Basic training began at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, followed by time spent at the Training Center in Daytona Beach, Florida. At Camp Patrick Henry in Virginia, she was issued winter clothing a helmet and boots in December 1943. Harriett recalled beginning her voyage in early January 1944, with nine girls in a two girl stateroom. Arriving in North Africa, Harriett began her duties as a teletype operator. She spent time in Casablanca and Tunis before being transferred to Caserta, Italy. At the same time, her brother was serving in the South Pacific.

Harriett was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, WAC Service Medal, European – African – Middle Eastern Theatre Medal, Bronze Star, World War II Medal, and Missouri Veteran Medal.

While in Italy, Harriett met and married her husband Edward, who was also stationed in Italy. Her WAC friends made her a beautiful white wedding gown from parachute material.

Harriett was discharged at Camp Kilmer New Jersey, in July 1945. She and Edward made their home in South Carolina, where they raised a daughter and son. During the 1960's they moved to southwest Missouri. Harriett's son served his country in the Navy during the Vietnam War. She has four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Harriett is now widowed.

Travel has always been a special part of Harriett's life. In the late 1940's she began organizing annual reunions for the members she served with in the WAC. These reunions were held all across the United States. She has travelled to Washington DC to view the World War II Memorial as well as to the Women in Military Service Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. She has served her community as a volunteer at her local hospital and has been an active member and officer in the local Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Elk Horn Prairie Daughters are proud to honor Harriett Daniel as Patriot of the Month for her service to our nation in its great time of need.