

War Era Story Project 2012

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I am writing to let you know I served in the WAVES in 1944-45. First of all, when I graduated from H.S. in 1943, I was only 17. In the Navy you had to be 20 with parental consent or 21 without. So I told a little white lie that I was 20, and my father signed for me to join. Well, he thought I wouldn't get any further than Cincinnati. But I did.

I took my training at Hunter College in N.Y. I was then sent to Washington D.C. I worked as a teletype operator in the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Dept. I really liked my work, however we were in secret and confidential work, and I guess they checked up on my school records to find I was underage, so unfortunately they had to give me an honorable discharge. After that I went to work at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton as a teletype operator.

In 1946, I got married and raised 3 children, of which all are married. My husband is deceased and I work part time at a farm produce stand near my home. I travel a lot, and three years ago, I was honored to go on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to see all the memorials. It was fabulous.

I praise any person that is in the military or wanting to join.