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PATRIOT(S) OF THE MONTH

Lila I. and Delbert Dennis

Lila Magruder Dennis served as a Surgical Technician with the WAC's at the Percy Jones General Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan from November 1944 to Jan 1948. There she met her future husband, Delbert S. Dennis.

Delbert, who had been serving in the Army's 109th Inf. Regiment in an Anti-Tank Company, had enlisted in March 1942. His unit participated in the Normandy Campaign, Northern France Campaign, and Rhineland Campaign. He had received a Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars. In September 1944, while serving in Germany, he was severely wounded. He was in a coma for 42 days and lost a leg. He was shipped home to the Percy Jones General Hospital where he met Lila.



They were married in 1947 and moved to Missouri. They raised two children and were productive citizens.

Now both Lila and Delbert are residents on the nursing home floor of the John J. Pershing Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, MO. Lila is the chairman of the Resident's Council. She assists other Veterans in any way she can: she makes sure all residents know of upcoming events, she welcomes new residents and their families and makes visitors feel welcome and appreciated, she alerts the nursing staff to potential problems with residents, and she assists other residents with games, putting on their shoes, and helping them maneuver the hallways.

Delbert, who is now 87 years old, has lost his sight, but his mind is still sharp.

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