



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



**Patriot of the Month, December 2007
Calvin W. "Bill" Hawkins**

Calvin W. "Bill" Hawkins was born in Emporia, Kansas, in 1921. He was raised in the home with three sisters. He attended Laboratory Schools on the campus of Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1939. He attended Emporia Business College, then took a Civil Service position of Clerk Typist with the U.S. War Department in Washington, D.C., in 1940. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1942 and served as yeoman on the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board in Washington. Later he served as Yeoman First Class with Torpedo Squadron 32, a part of Air Group 32, on the USS Cabot in the Pacific. When Air Group 32 was decommissioned, Bill served on the USS Tulagi until it returned to the East coast. He was honorably discharged on April 7, 1946, and returned to Washington. He worked on the Civil Service Commission for six months and then transferred to the U.S. Navy Department to serve as conference reporter with the Bureau of Naval Aeronautics until 1953. He moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico, and served as official Court reporter for the Fifth Judicial District until 1963, then moved to Liberty, Missouri, and served as official Court reporter for Judge R. Kenneth Elliott from 1963 until his retirement in 1990.

In 1949, Bill married Helen Louise Pruett Cross. They raised two daughters and two sons. They have seven grandchildren. Bill enjoys spending time with his family.

Bill continues to be of service in his community. He is a member of the William C. Corum SAR Chapter and has served as Chapter Secretary for 25 years, as well as serving as SAR State Genealogist for several years. He helped his wife, Louise, with her work as MSSDAR Corresponding Secretary during her term, as well as typing many applications for the William C. Corum SAR Chapter and the Alexander Doniphan DAR Chapter.

Bill is a charter member of the Liberty Genealogy Society. He is also a member of the Clay County Museum. He and Louise helped in establishing the Clay County Archives. Bill started volunteering at the Archives when he retired and has served as Second Vice President for Administration for several years.

He sang in the Presbyterian Church choir for 25 years. He organized the Men's Liberty Chamber Singers and was active for 20 years. He was also in the Fine Arts Chorale for several years.

Regent Anne Sizemore and the members of Alexander Doniphan Chapter proudly nominate Calvin W. "Bill" Hawkins for Patriot of the Month.