



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

**Patriot of the Month; March 2010
Kathleen Marley Somerville**



The Missouri State Society NSDAR is pleased to honor Kathleen “Kay” Marley Somerville as a Patriot of the Month for March 2010.

Kay Marley Somerville volunteered October 1943 to serve in the United States Navy (WAVES) during WWII. Beginning service at Midshipmen School, Smith College, Kay was assigned to the Bureau of Ships, Washington, D.C., the Fleet Service School, Norfolk, Virginia, and then was a Radio Material Officer at the Navy yard, Charleston, South Carolina. She received the Victory Medal and the American Theatre Campaign medal. Leaving active duty April 1946 as an Lt.jg, Kay joined the Naval Reserves.

A graduate of Wellesley College. Kay attended UMC Law School where she met and married fellow student, Ronald Somerville, a WWII Naval pilot. They raised four children and have eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Now Widowed, Kay has continued a lifetime of service in her community and in the state of Missouri. Besides teaching at the Chillicothe Girls State Training

School, Kay has been a supporter of Girl Scouts for years. Kay served a term as president of Chillicothe Business and Professional Women, was active in the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and was a member of the Kansas City Garden Project. A devoted churchwoman in the Episcopal Church, Kay has had leadership responsibilities both in her parish and in the Diocese.

A near fifty year member of NSDAR and Olive Prindle Honorary Chapter Regent, Kay has served three terms as Regent, edited the chapter yearbook for ten years and serves as the CIS chairman and Registrar. She has attended Continental Congress many years and served on numerous state committees, most recently Project Patriot Chairman for five years.

The Olive Prindle Chapter proudly nominated Kathleen “Kay” Marley Somerville as Patriot of the Month.