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I enlisted in the U.S. Navy WAVES in April 1945 in Springfield, Illinois. After boot training at Hunter College in the Bronx, New York City, New York, I was assigned to Company A, 43rd Platoon and stationed at the Receiving Station in Administration at Anacostia, D.C. Our duties consisted of serving Navy sailors awaiting re-assignment, replacing lost orders or leave papers, issuing photo I.D.'s and numerous other tasks. I worked with and met many nice people.

One of my fondest memories was the selection of our 43rd Platoon to parade across Shea Stadium as the Color Guard for the Dodgers™ baseball games. I enjoyed my duties as a Navy WAVE and was discharged as a Yeoman 3/C from Washington, D.C. in August 1946.

I have been a very active veteran and have held several offices in veteran's organizations. It was my honor to be the first lady veteran to serve on the Sangamon County Inter-Veterans Burial Detail serving Camp Butler National Cemetery. I am a member of the World War II Illinois Veterans Memorial Committee.

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