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Sue S. Jenkins, Who Worked on Navy Code-Breaking Team During World War II, to Receive Wenonah Hometown Legend Award

Sue S. Jenkins, a World War II veteran who worked on secret coding communications for the U.S. military as a Navy WAVE, will be honored as Wenonah's Hometown Legend during the town's Fourth of July festivities.

The Wenonah Hometown Legend award recognizes a current or former resident who "inspires legends, instills pride, and serves as a role model for the people of Wenonah," says Carl Hausman, who chairs the Hometown Legend selection committee.

Mrs. Jenkins, who has lived in Wenonah for more than 90 years, entered the Navy in May, 1943, and completed boot camp at Hunter College in New York. She was later stationed at the Naval Communications Intelligence Center in Washington, D.C., where she and thousands of other women worked on various aspects of breaking enemy codes, testing the security of Allied codes, and working with officers on mapping and planning ship and troop movements and battles in the Pacific.

"We were not allowed to tell anyone of our work," Mrs. Jenkins says. "We were instructed to say we were just secretaries."

She recalls that she was "with the best group of girls ever," and that "the Navy treated us great."

There were over 10,000 WAVES at her barracks. WAVE, which stood for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, was the popular name for the women's branch of the United States Naval Reserve, which was created in 1942. While the concept of women serving in the uniformed services was controversial at the time, the idea received the backing of prominent men and women, including First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Ms. Jenkins was discharged in November, 1945, and returned to Wenonah, where she married her late husband Robert, who passed away in 1995. The couple had three sons, three grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

She keeps active with family, friends, and neighbors, occasionally speaks to local groups, and "has had a good life in Wenonah."



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The Chapter 3 Environmental Impact section states that 1.59 acres of particular sensitivity in Wenonah, designated as "unique and significant" habitat in the EIS, will be taken by this train. In that same chapter, on table 3.4-19, it specifies there will be 97 trips between the hours of 5AM and 2AM, occurring every 7.5 minutes during peak hours. In the off-hours, freight trains will run. The FRA rule (49 CFR Part 222) states that trains must sound their horns at grade cro... See more

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