



Betty M. Perkins, USN-WAVES (1944-1946)

Betty Perkins was born in February (Valentine's Day) in Indianapolis, IN. She enlisted in the Navy (WAVES) in February of 1944 at the age of 20, then attended basic training at Hunter College in New York City and went on to complete radio school at Miami University in Oxford, OH.

Having achieved the rank of Telegrapher, Third Class (T3C), Betty served at Floyd Bennett Field in New York City, handling radio communications between Navy aircraft between Olathe, Kansas and New York City through March of 1946. Betty proudly holds the American Campaign Ribbon and the WWII Victory Ribbon for her service.

After the war Betty continued her studies part-time at Layne Business College in Indianapolis. Over the years, she worked for P.R. Mallory & Co. (a radio manufacturing company) in Indianapolis, Pacific Northern Airlines in Anchorage, AK as a radio operator, and lastly in administration at Tucson Public Schools for 18 years. Betty has lived in Tucson for 57 years. She has 1 son, 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Betty heard about Honor Flight from **William Mahood** who had just returned from his flight of honor in April.

