

EVELYN DENTZ

1927-2015

Evelyn "Evey" Dentz, left this life on January 3rd, 2015 to join Edwin "Eddie" Dentz, her husband of 59 years, who passed away on December 5th, 2008.



Evey and Eddie Dentz both dedicated a major portion of their lives to The American Legion.

In 1956, Evey, along with thirteen wives of members of American Legion Post 176, formed American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 176. Evey was elected the first President of ALA Unit 176 and over the next fifty-three years, served in virtually all elected and appointed positions of the Unit. As a result of her sincere dedication and devotion to the goals and principles of the ALA, the members of ALA Unit 176 selected her as Lady of the Year, and in 1968 awarded her an Honorary Life Membership. Evey's volunteerism and dedication did not stop at the Unit level, as she served as 17th District President (formerly called the 10th District) from 1959 to 1960 and as Department (State) President from 1991 to 1992. She went on to serve on the National Level as The American Legion Auxiliary National Executive Committee representative for Virginia. For many years, Evey served as Department Chairwoman for Outstanding Woman of Virginia, responsible for

recommending an individual to be honored for her achievements in business and volunteer work. Evey was active in the Girls State Program and served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation. In 1990, Evey, along with her husband, received the Community Builders Award from the Archer Bailey Gay Masonic Lodge. Evey was also a member of VFW Unit 1503 and Ladies of the Moose; she was also a partner in Salon 339 Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes.

Evey was a graduate of George Washington University where she majored in Education. Evey's degree in education led to many years of teaching at the elementary school level in the public school systems in Prince Georges County, Fairfax County, and the City of Alexandria. She continued her education with graduate-level courses at GWU and at The University of Virginia. Evey also served for many years as the Recreational Director, Alexandria Department of Recreation; and conducted summer work in the recreation departments in Arlington and Fairfax Counties.

Her husband, Eddie Dentz, was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and received the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge for his service at the Battle of the Bulge. He was one of the founding members, and first Commander, of the Springfield American Legion Post 176, the 17th District (formerly 10th District) Commander from 1960-1961, Department (State) of Virginia Commander 1982-1983, and the National Executive Committeeman from Virginia from 1990 to 1993.



An American Legion Auxiliary Memorial Service will be held at Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA at 10 am on Thursday, January 15, 2015.

Interment at Quantico National Cemetery will immediately follow the services.

A reception to celebrate Evey Dentz's life will be held at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield Virginia immediately following the interment.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 176, Girls State, and PO. Box 689, Springfield, Virginia 22150.