

HOMETOWN HEROES...

A Salute to the Veterans of Forsyth County



Saluting Sara Lynch ...

Sara Lynch grew up watching her older brother travel the world as a Marine. "That lit a fire under me," she said.

When she was 19, 11 months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the DeKalb County native read about recently opened opportunities for women to serve their country in administrative capacities since all men were needed for fighting. She was so excited, she could hardly wait the three months until she turned 20, making her eligible to join.

When she went to a Naval recruiting office, she was told that the Coast Guard, which falls under the Navy in war times, was in desperate need of women. "I didn't even know what the Coast Guard was, but I joined anyway," joked the 87-year-old.

Soon she found herself on a New York bound train for boot camp. She spent six months in radio school, learning how to tap out 23 words a minute in Morse code. She later was stationed in Washington D.C. and New Orleans, working in communications.

Lynch spent 32 months serving her country at a time when very few women even worked outside the home. She noted her service was "the most important thing I ever did."

In 1946, she married her husband of 41 years, Michael John, and had four children and three grandchildren. She moved to Forsyth County to be near her three sisters in 1988.

For blazing a trail for future generations of women, we honor Sara Lynch as a true...

"Hometown Hero."



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