



Clara Houtz Lawson

*Women Accepted for Volunteer
Emergency Service (WAVES)
Navy*

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BIRTHPLACE: Abilene, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Seaman 2nd Class

DIVISION: Women Accepted for
Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES)
Navy, Wave Quarter D and I in
Washington DC

THEATER OF OPERATION: American

SERVED: Jan 1, 1943 - Nov 19, 1945

HONORED BY: American Legion Post
#180 of Hebron, NE

BIOGRAPHY

Clara Houtz was born in Abilene, KS in 1913. She attended Talmage schools through High School. In 1933 she joined Job-Seekers and went to Denver to work for a Jewish Family for \$5.00 a week plus room and board. Bettering herself she eventually worked as a maid, in invalid care, a family bakery, a commercial bakery and the Denver munitions plant. Clara joined the U.S. Navy Waves in 1943. After boot camp in Hunters College she was stationed at Wave Quarters D and I in Washington D. C. where she made pastries for the Pentagon. She was discharged as a Baker Second Class. Clara went back to Colorado and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1950. She served for the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service for 28 years. She married Clarence Lawson in 1969 and had three step sons and one step daughter. Clara departed this life in June 2013 at age 99.