

WAVES: Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service

Established in 1942, the United States Naval Reserve, better known as the WAVES (for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), was the women's branch of the United States Naval Reserve during World War II. Some Calloway County women who served as WAVES included: Marjorie Bowden, Iva Lassiter Cage, Teressa Colburn, Imogene Colson, Estelle Frances Forrest Ezell, Murrelle Blalock Hughes, Mayrelle Johnson, Nowata King, and Marjorie Palmqist.