



**M**s Lenore Kingston Jensen W6NAZ \*1913-1993\* Radio Drama actress, TV Personality, Ham Radio advocate and author. As it was said Lenore was a “superstar” of amateur radio during the Viet-Nam war, she ran over 50K phone patches from SW Asia so our service personnel could speak to their loved ones in an inexpensive manner.

Later she was a tireless worker in Southern Calif. Getting positive publicity about Amateur Radio into the mass media. Whatever the journalistic merit of news value of the actual story may really have been, I’m sure they rose to the top of the editors list due to Lenore’s charm. She was working on her book at the time of her passing. You could call it her legacy to amateur radio.

Lenore first licensed in 1939 was W9CHD in Chicago where she was known as Lenore Kingston and worked as a contract actress for NBC. She received the call sign W2NAZ when she moved to NYC in 1940. Lenore became W6NAZ after World War II when she and her first husband W2MSC Joe Conn, moved to Los Angeles.

Most of Lenore’s operating involved message handling and phone patching. According to a profile in the 87 December issue of QST 68K Army MARS phone patches during the Vietnam era. She was also one of the 13 surviving founding members of the Young Ladies Radio League and the 1983 Dayton Amateur Radio Association’s special achievement award winners for “Her Dedication in service to others though the medium of Amateur Radio.”

From the mid 70s until her death, Lenore’s efforts were especially important to the amateur radio public relations effort. Her long and highly successful career in the entertainment industry permitted her access to many stars and celebrities who later appeared in ARRL released public service announcements. Lenore also appeared in several films and videos including the award winning “World of Amateur Radio” produced by Dave Bell W6AQ in 1979. She was married to Bob Jensen sound engineer. Lenore expired at age 79 and her home was in Sherman Oaks, Calif. Partially scripted from marinecorpnmars.com