



# WOMEN VETERANS HISTORICAL PROJECT

## Newsletter

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### WVHP Annual Luncheon

The Women Veterans Historical Project celebrated its 8th annual luncheon on Saturday, November 5, 2005, with more than 120 veterans and their guests.

Chancellor Pat Sullivan and University Librarian Rosann Bazirjian were on hand to welcome everyone to the UNCG campus. We were thrilled to see so many of you. It was a pleasure to see familiar faces and to welcome new participants in the project.



The stellar cast of  
*Star-Spangled Girls*

After lunch we enjoyed a preview of *Star-Spangled Girls*, a play based on the

oral histories and letters in the Women Veterans Historical Collection. For the veterans, it was an opportunity to see episodes from their real-life war experiences told on the stage. For the actresses, it was a chance to meet the inspiration behind their characters. Many thanks to Brenda Schleunes and the cast for a wonderful performance! Mark your calendar for this year's luncheon: **Saturday, November 4, 2006**. We hope to see you all there!

### Our Newest Veterans!

We'd like to welcome our newest interviewees, Ms. Rebecca Lloyd and Ms. Irma Jean Brooks, to the Women Veterans Historical Project! They sat down with Beth Carmichael and Betty Carter in San Diego in April 2006 to talk about their lengthy and varied careers in the U.S. Navy.

Rebecca Lloyd, a Curry School graduate and member of the Woman's College class of 1950, served in the navy from 1950 to 1972. She was stationed in Brooklyn, New York; Washington, D.C.; Norfolk, Va.; Yokohama,



Rebecca Lloyd, 2006

Japan; and several places in southern California. Ms. Lloyd was an engineering assistant on the staff of Admiral H.G. Rickover when the first nuclear-powered submarine was launched in 1954.

Ms. Irma Jean Brooks was a member of the University of Tennessee class of 1951. She received a direct commission into the navy in 1953 and served at various duty stations for the next twenty years. She worked in naval communications; oversaw women's barracks in Washington, D.C.; served as an administrative officer in Naples, Italy; and (*see p. 2*)

(from p. 1) later worked back in Washington, D.C., in officer personnel. She finished her career in recruitment in 1973.

We would also like to welcome our other recent interviewees to the project: Clara Adams-Ender, Elsie Chin Yuen Seetoo, Mary Kathryn Hampton, Mildred Dalrymple, Marjorie Thompson, Grace Illman, and Cathy Illman Sykes.

(Left: Irma Jean Brooks, 1973)



### ***Star-Spangled Girls Update***

*Star-Spangled Girls* has been a rousing success. As of this spring, it has been seen by 2,280 people. It is still being performed by the Touring Theater Ensemble of North Carolina across the state and even in Miami, Florida! It will be performed at the Rockingham Community College in mid-October and back in Greensboro in time for Veterans Day in November. Call (336) 272-1279 for more information or to book the play near you.

### **\* \* Reminders \* \***

**Are you moving to a new home? Do you know any one who is?**  
Please let us know so that we can update our list.

**Have you found items related to your service that you would like to donate?**  
We are happy to add to your collection.

Please contact **Beth Carmichael** at **(336) 334-4045** with any changes, donations, or questions.



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