



Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project

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WVHP Annual Luncheon

The Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project celebrated its 9th annual luncheon on November 4, 2006. We were thrilled to see so many of you.

Our speaker was Kathy Simpson, retired colonel of the Army Nurse Corps and a UNCG alumna from the class of 1975. She shared stories about her career that were both entertaining and very moving. Kathy has served in various places in the United States, including the Pentagon,

where she was stationed during the attacks on September 11, 2001. Kathy also served in Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 2005, Kathy retired from the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where she worked with injured soldiers from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Kathy, thank you for joining us and for an inspiring program.

Mark your calendar for this year's luncheon: **Saturday, November 3, 2007.**

Star-Spangled Girls

June 29, 2007

Sampson County Community College, Clinton, N.C.

June 30, 2007

Davie County Arts Council, Mocksville, N.C.

November 8, 2007

Northeast Regional Library, Wilmington, N.C.

November 10, 2007

Edgecombe Community College, Rocky Mount, N.C.

For more information, call (336) 272-1279

A Gift and a New Name

It has been a busy year for the project with two major changes. You have probably noticed that the project has a new name! Thanks to a very generous planned gift by our own Hermann Trojanowski, the project has been named in honor of the founder and director, Betty H. Carter. As Hermann explained, "I have interviewed over eighty women veterans for the project and have heard so many moving and interesting stories that must be preserved, not only for researchers but for future generations." The official name is



*Betty Carter and
Hermann Trojanowski*

now the Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project. Betty, thank you for making this project happen. Hermann, thank you for your generosity and dedication.

Staff Change

In July, I will be leaving my position as curator of the Women Veterans Historical Collection. My husband has accepted a new job in the history department at West Virginia University, and I have accepted a job in their library. I am looking forward to it, but will dearly miss my work here. I treasure the time I have spent working with Betty and Hermann, meeting our remarkable veterans, and doing my part to ensure that their contributions to the military will never be forgotten. Thank you. ~ Beth Carmichael

Our Newest Veterans!

We'd like to welcome our newest interviewees, Joan Lyle, Meredith Campbell, Dolores Reed, and Violet Cowden, to the Women Veterans Historical Project. They sat down with Beth Carmichael in San Diego in May 2007 to talk about their careers in the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). All of these ladies attended WASP training at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, and had many wonderful stories to share. Of course, they all talked about how much they loved to fly!

We would also like to welcome our other recent interviewees to the project: Margy Robinson (WAVES), Norma Schrader (WAVES), Pat Chamings (Army Nurse), Jean Reeves (Red Cross), Jean Downer (WAVES), Dorothy Baker (Army Nurse), Doris Wilson (WAC), Jean Fasse (Red Cross), Ruth Garrett (Army Nurse), Rosetta McMahon (WAVES), Ruby Brooks (Navy Nurse), and Ingrid Ruffin (Air Force).

Above right: Ingrid Ruffin, U.S. Air Force, in Iraq



* * 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 project staff at **(336) 334-4045** with any changes, donations, or questions.



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