Women Veterans Annual Luncheon & Panel Discussion

The 14th annual women veterans luncheon will be held on: Saturday, 5th November from 11:30-2 at the EUC Center at UNCG. Instead of hearing from one voice this year, we are hosting a panel discussion with a number of women veterans who served in conflict zones. The panelists will range from women veterans of the Vietnam War up to the current conflicts in the Middle East. The veterans will talk about memorable experiences they had during their time in the military and how those experiences have affected them. Air Force Veteran, history graduate student, and oral history interviewer Therese Strohmer, will moderate a discussion among panelists about some of the similarities and differences of their experiences. Invitations will be sent in late September. Everyone is welcome!

If you know of someone who is interested and is not on our mailing list, please let us know and we’ll make sure to add them!

Oral History Interviews

This year we conducted 27 oral history interviews for the Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project (WVHP), including those from veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf wars. Our intrepid oral history interviewer Therese Strohmer even travelled to Jacksonville, NC to interview 4 Marines veterans in one trip!

Once each new interview is transcribed, we add the full text to our website. Researchers worldwide read these transcripts and use them for everything from academic research to simple personal interest.

Oral histories are the foundation of the WVHP and we are dedicated to collecting, preserving, and making accessible the stories of women veterans.

Spotlight on New Interviews:

Paula Trivette, an army nurse who was a White House nurse for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Rosie Noel, a gunnery sergeant who was the first female Marine to receive the Purple Heart for combat-related injuries while serving in Iraq in 2005.

Upcoming WVHP Presentations:

- **November 10** — Guilford Battle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Greensboro, NC
- **November 19** — Durham County Main Library, Durham, NC, 3 – 4:30 PM
Women Veterans Historical Project Fund

Did you know that each oral history interview costs over $600 to conduct, digitize, transcribe and put on the website? The WVHP is asking for any donations you can make to help us to preserve and promote women veteran’s stories.

You can donate online to the WVHP at: www.givetowomenveterans.com

You may also contact Linda Burr, Director of Development, University Libraries at PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402 or call (336) 256-0184. Thank you for your support!

Are you moving to a new home? Do you know of anyone who will be changing contact information? Please let us know so that we can update our address list and make sure that our invitations go to the right place.

For questions about donating materials relating to women’s military service or oral history interviews, please contact Beth Ann Koelsch, the Curator of the Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Collection at (336) 334-4045 or bakoelsc@uncg.edu.

Explore the Women Veterans Project Website: http://library.uncg.edu/dp/wv/

CSM Teresa King Featured at 2010 Luncheon

On Saturday, November 6th, 2010, the WVHP hosted our 13th annual women veterans luncheon. The speaker was Command Sergeant Major Teresa S. King, the first female commandant of the U.S. Army’s Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, SC. CSM King, a North Carolina native, spoke about the people who helped her on her journey from daughter of a sharecropper to her historic position today. King’s talk was very inspiring and the audience of veterans and their families, friends, and supporters gave her a standing ovation.