



**Volume 7 • August 2012 • The University of North Carolina Greensboro •  
Martha Blakeney Hodges Special Collections & University Archives**

## **2012 WOMEN VETERANS ANNUAL LUNCHEON & PANEL DISCUSSION**

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual women veterans luncheon will be held on: **Saturday, 10th November** from 11:30-2 at the Elliott University Center at UNCG. The luncheon will feature a panel discussion with activists who work on different issues that affect women in the military and veterans including student veterans,

homelessness, the fight to end the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, and sexual assault and trauma in the military.

The program is open to everyone, with a special focus on veterans, their friends and families.

Tickets will be \$12 for all military veterans and \$16 for non-veterans. Table sponsorship opportunities to sponsor students will be available for \$300. Invitations will be sent in late September.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project collects and preserves unique and rare historical materials documenting the female experience in the United States Military and promotes the research use of these materials by members of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the broader scholarly community, and the public.*

## **ON THE SHELVES**

Helen Bolling Potts (1919-2012), of High Point, North Carolina, served as an American Red Cross recreation worker “Donut Dolly” during WWII . She accompanied U.S. Army soldiers in the field in England, France, and Germany. Her collection includes a tailored gray-blue wool uniform with ARC Clubmobile Captain patches and US Army ribbons. There is also a pair of men’s size 6 combat boots that were given to her by an army officer to replace Potts’ shoes that had been ruined by frying oil. These boots were taken from a stockpile of footwear from soldiers who had been killed in action.



## **SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW WVHP ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW**



In January 2012 the WVHP conducted an oral history interview with Diane Kay Corcoran. Corcoran served in the Army Nurse Corps from 1969-1992 and she served at many installations during her career, including in Vietnam and Germany. In 1976, Corcoran became the chief nurse at the 86 Combat Support Hospital at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Her time as a combat nurse in Vietnam spurred her interest in studying “near-death experiences” and she is actively doing research on and giving workshops about the phenomenon.

## NOTES FROM THE CURATOR

This year has been another busy one for the WVHP! I enjoyed teaching others about the WVHP in UNCG history classes, at the conference of the Organization of American Historians/ National Council on Public History, the Guilford Battle Chapter of the DAR, the Durham County Library, and even via an online workshop for government information librarians. Promoting the WVHP in these ways is one of the favorite parts of my job!

We have added eleven more collections, including nine oral history interviews. The most recent collection is from WV#0535 Nicole Brossard, who is a current UNCG student and has served in the Army and Army Reserves since 2001. She is a mental health specialist, drug and alcohol counselor, and a master resiliency trainer. Her oral history interview is seven hours long, which sets a new WVHP record!

## 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 veterans' stories.

**You can donate online to the WVHP at:**

[www.givetowomenveterans.com](http://www.givetowomenveterans.com)

Checks can be made payable to the Women Veterans Historical Project and sent to PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402. Thank you for your support!

## QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

Contact Beth Ann Koelsch, the Curator of the Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project at UNCG.

**She can be reached at: (336) 334-5838 or**  
*bakoelsc@uncg.edu*

<http://library.uncg.edu/dp/wv/>



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA  
**GREENSBORO**  
University Libraries

Martha Blakeney Hodges Special  
Collections & University Archives  
University Libraries  
P.O. Box 26170  
Greensboro, N.C. 27402-6170

Non-Profit Org.  
US Postage Paid  
Greensboro, NC  
Permit 30