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## 2014 WOMEN VETERANS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Women Veterans Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, November 8th** from 11:30-2 at UNCG's Elliott University Center.

The program will feature a panel discussion about veterans writing workshops. NC Poet Laureate Joseph Bathanti will facilitate a discussion with women veterans who have participated in his writing workshops. Bathanti has conducted these workshops around the state and wrote in the November 2013 issue of *Our State* magazine, "What astonishes me most when I'm teaching a workshop among veterans is how good the writing is, period. In fact, there's reason to believe that an entire wave of a wholly new genre of literature, borne of our 21st-century wars, is being minted by this hybrid generation of combat veterans."

The program is open to everyone. Tickets are \$14 for all military veterans and \$18 for non-veterans. Table sponsorship opportunities to support student attendance will be available for \$300. Invitations will be mailed in late September.



Joseph Bathanti

## NOTES FROM THE CURATOR

It has been another busy and productive year! Since the last newsletter, I have added twenty-two oral histories, six new collections and expanded five more collections.

I've travelled throughout the state to speak to a variety of community groups. I gave a presentation at the North Carolina Women Veterans Summit and Expo in Raleigh where I met many great women veterans who want to become involved with the Project. Remember, if you are involved with a group or organization that would be interested in learning about the WVHP, please contact me.

My work with the UNCG Student Veterans Association continues through exhibits, meetings and receptions, active recruitment of students for oral history interviews, and involvement in campus-wide veterans events.

The Friends of the UNCG Libraries Board has given us a grant to fund oral histories with veterans who live outside of the Triad area. Our oral history interviewer, Therese Strohmer, has driven from the mountains to the sea!

Finally, we are planning to launch a new and improved website in November! We will show off the new features at the Luncheon. Stay tuned!

— Beth Ann

## 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.*

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

**Beth Carlin**

Beth Carlin of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, served in the United States Navy from 2004-2010 and joined the Navy Reserve in 2010. She served as an aviation and electronics technician.



In her interview Carlin discusses her assignment with the VAW-117 Airborne Early Warning squadron and her three deployments, on the supercarrier *U.S.S. Nimitz*.

Carlin learned about the WVHP when her World War II history class came to the Archives for a presentation about women's service during the war. She came to UNCG in 2012 and is now in the English Masters Degree program.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Lucy Phillips Pugh**

Lucy Pugh (1922-2014) of Bennett, North Carolina, served in the Coast Guard SPARS from 1943 to 1945. In her 1999 oral history interview Pugh discussed her assignment to the 9th Naval District in St. Louis, Missouri, where she worked as a mechanic, an elevator operator, a sentry, a switchboard operator, and played on the SPARS basketball team. Pugh was an enthusiastic participant in the WVHP and attended many of the Women Veterans Luncheons. We will miss her.



**QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?**

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