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Kate Germano



Jude Eden

2016 WOMEN VETERANS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The 19th Annual Women Veterans Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, November 12th**, 11:30 am-2 pm at the Elliott University Center, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. This year's program features a moderated discussion between Jude Eden and Kate Germano, Marine Corps veterans who have competing views about women in combat roles in the U.S. military. There will also be an exhibit of uniforms and other selected items from the collection.

As always, the luncheon is open to everyone, so please bring family and friends! Tickets are \$18 for all veterans and \$22 for non-veterans. Table sponsorship opportunities that support student attendance and women veterans with limited means are available for \$350. Invitations will be mailed in late September.

NEWS FROM THE CURATOR

The WVHP is going strong! I'm very proud to report that we have added 25 new oral histories to the WVHP in the last year. These oral histories include: Alice Starr May, a WWII WAC photographer who is the great grandmother of a UNCG student; Lt. Col. (Ret) Bernie Donato, a Navy and Air Force Nurse who deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm; and Jeannine Franz, a flautist with the U.S. Marine Band and a combat instructor who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. The transcripts of our oral histories are posted online, and along with

other WVHP materials, have been accessed over 40,000 times in the last year.

In other news, I gave presentations to a variety of UNCG classes, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Raleigh, the Kannapolis Public Library, and the Women Veterans Employment and Empowerment Symposium in Winston-Salem. I also had a great time meeting veterans who stopped by the WVHP exhibits for the N.C. Women Veterans Summit and Expo and high school JROTC women cadets at the Celebrating Women Warriors Conference. I look forward to another busy year!

— Beth Ann

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW WVHP ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

Jane Helms Vance

1966 UNCG alumna Jane Helms Vance, from Kinston, NC, worked with data automation and computer programming as an officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1966-1987.



Vance comes from a family with a strong military background and knew she wanted to join the Air Force when she graduated from UNCG.

In her oral history, Vance discusses volunteering to go to Vietnam in 1968 in order to save her brother from being sent to Cam Ranh Bay. At Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon, Vance was the only woman in the

comptroller's office. Vance also discusses her experiences at her other assignments, including to the Pentagon where she oversaw data automation for the Air National Guard sites. Major Vance retired in 1987.

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.

WVHP WEBSITE: library.uncg.edu/dp/wv

QUESTIONS? INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE WVHP?

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