Description: 3200 Agatha Guthrie and Mary Shutze, interviewed by Carol Toner and Mazie Hough, February 16, 2001. Guthrie, talks about completing her training at Camp Coy, WI; being stationed in England and Germany. Shutze talks about completing her training at Fort Devans; being stationed in Manila and later Germany; talking about serving in WWII in the Army Nurse Corps.

Text: 31 pp. transcript
Description: 3201 Delores Hainer, interviewed by Rebecca Pelletier and Elizabeth Fowler, November 10, 2000, Hampden, Maine. Hainer talks about joining the army after WWII; her basic training in Camply, VA; and being stationed in San Antonio, TX.

Text: 35 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3201_c2301_01 & mfc_na3201_c2301_02 77 minutes
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Collection: Women in the Military

Name: Helen Burns

Interviewer/Depositor: Lacey Stone, Ellen Geraghty

Narrator: Helen Burns

Description: 3202 Helen Burns, interviewed by Lacey Stone and Ellen Geraghty, November 9, 2000, Bangor, Maine. Helen talks about joining the Army Nurses Corps in May of 1945; serving in Camp Lee, VA, Frederick, MD, Phoenixville, PA, San Francisco, CA and Yokohama, Japan.

Text: 12 pp. transcript

Recording: mfc_na3202_c2303_01 35 minutes

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Restrictions
**Description:** 3203 Barbara Beal, interviewed by Laura Wheaton, November 14, 2001, in her home in Ellsworth, Maine. Beal talks about joining the Army Nurses Corps in 1970 to be trained in for the OR; being stationed in Hawaii; being sent to Vietnam where she served until 1972; her rank of Lieutenant; how the people stationed in Vietnam copes; her feelings about war; her sadness about the post 9-11 war.

Text: 15 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3203_c2304_01, mfc_na3203_c2304_02 67 minutes

**Accession Date:** 2001.11.14  
**Collection:** MF 144/ MF 183  
**Name:** Military/ Vietnam War Collection  
**Interviewer:** Laura Wheaton  
**Narrator:** Barbara Beal
### Description:

**3204 Cathy Parsons**, interviewed by Laura Wheaton, November 15, 2001, Bangor Maine. Parsons talks about joining the Army National Guard in 1990; being sent to Desert Storm and so joining the active U.S. Army; being stationed stationed for a time in Schwabisch Hall, Germany; her rank of Master Sergeant (upon leaving); serving 1990-1991.

Text: 15 pp. transcript
Recording: **mfc_na3204_c2305_01** 36 minutes

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Accession Date: 2001.11.17

Collection MF 144

Description: 3205 Deborah R. Kelley, interviewed by Jennifer LaPlante, November 17, 2001. LaPlante talks about being in the Maine Air National Guard for 12 years (at the time of interview); her basic training in Knoxville TN; attending navigational (NAV) school in Sacramento, CA.

Text: 19 pp. transcript
Accession Date: 2001.11.02  

Collection Number: MF 144  

Collection Name: Women in the Military  

Interviewer: Melissa A. St. Peter  
/Depositor:  

Description: **3206 Margaret E. Puckett**, interviewed by Melissa A St.Peter, November 2, 2001, at Margaret's home in Bangor, Maine. Margaret talks about her entering the military, Women’s Army Corps, in 1973; being stationed in Fort Bragg, NC, where she was a Second Lieutenant; ending her career as a Captain; being part of and helping with the desegregation of the army; issues with male respect toward female officers; the “growing pains” they all went through; the monitorship of younger women by the older; serving 1973 - 1993.

Text: 22 pp. transcript  
Recording: **mfc_na3206_c2307_01, mfc_na3206_c2307_02** 98 minutes
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Name: Military/ Vietnam
War Collection

Interviewer  Mazie Hough and Carol Toner
/Depositor:

Narrator: Donna Loring


Text: 22 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3207_c2308_01, mfc_na3207_c2308_02 81 minutes

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Restrictions
Description: 3208 Angel Maria Tyler, interviewed by Tiffany Jones, November 5, 2001, Bangor, Maine. Tyler talks about background; her parents; her upbringing; her reasons for joining the military; Air Force basic training; service from 1987 to 1992; her reaction to cutting her hair; places she was stationed; her service in Minot, North Dakota and Germany; ranks she attained during her service, being an administrative specialist; being a marksman; experiences as a woman in the military; what she has learned from her military experience; her opinions on rape in the military and rape at academic institutes; how she feels about her military service.

Text: 39 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3208_c2309_01&02, mfc_na3208_c2310_01&02 64 minutes
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**Accession Date:** 2001.11.03

**Collection Number:** MF 144

**Collection Name:** Women in the Military

**Interviewer** Melissa St. Peter

**Narrator:** Elizabeth Carlson

**Description:** 3209 Elizabeth Carlson, interviewed by Melissa St. Peter, November 3, 2001, at Ms. Carlson’s home in Bangor, Maine. Carlson talks about Elizabeth's birthplace; her parents; reasons for joining the military; basic training; her assignment as a weather equipment specialist; her service from 1977 to 1981 in the Air Force; her assignment to funeral detail; marriage and becoming a parent in the service; stationed in Chanute, Illinois; her views on women in combat; her views on the draft; what she did after she left the military; her family's reactions to her enlistment; her opinions of politics and the military. Also, 2 page journal of interview with Carlson.

Text: 25 pp. transcript

Recording: mfc_na3209_c2311_01, mfc_na3209_c2311_02 58 minutes

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**Restrictions** None
Description: 3210 Deena Sole, interviewed by Joelle Quartarone, November 3, 2001. Sole talks about joining the Navy in 1985; completing her basic training in Orlando, FL; being stationed in Aragento (Agrigento?) Sicily as a seamen recruit; being in an MAS unit in Jacksonville, FL during the Gulf War.

Text: 10 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3210_c2312_01, mfc_na3210_c2312_02 67 minutes
Description: **3211 Kim Lander**, interviewed by Jennifer LaPlante, November 15, 2001, at her home in Newport, Maine. Landertalks about joining the Maine Air National Guard; completing her training in San Antonio Texas; attending tech-school in Pease New Hampshire; serving in the Strategic Air Command during the Gulf War; being a crew chief at the time of the interview.

Text: 21 pp. transcript
Recording: **mfc_na3211_c2313_01, mfc_na3211_c2313_02** 52 minutes
**Description:** 3212 Bessie Fleetwood, interviewed by Elizabeth LaPierre, December 9, 2001, Kennebunkport, Maine. Fleetwood talks about completing her basic training in Cedar Falls, Iowa; serving as a Yeoman First Class in the Vietnam War; being stationed in Endicott Rhode Island.

Text: 18 pp. transcript
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**Description:** 3213 Irene Walker Infererra, interviewed by John Dunham, November 26, 2000. Walker talks about training as a nurse in Belfast, Maine; entering the Army Nurses Corps in April, 1943; serving in Camp Edwards, MA and England during World War II.

Text: 11 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3213_c2315_01, mfc_na3213_c2315_02 64 minutes

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Description: 3214 Maguerite McNeil, interviewed by Carol Toner and Mazie Hough, February 5, 2001. McNeil talks about joining the military when she was 26 years old, in the midst of World War II; serving as an acting Sergeant and teacher (drilling and math skills) in Daytona Beach, FL and North Carolina; being sent to Lackey, Philippines where she served until contracting a fungal infection, was hospitalized and eventually discharged.

Text: 23 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3214_c2316_01&02, mfc_na3214_c2317_01 85 minutes
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**Description:** Mary Elliot, interviewed by John Dunham, December 2, 2001, Camden, Maine. Elliot talks about training as a nurse in Massachusetts; becoming a member of the Red Cross; being called to serve in the Army following the attack on Pearl Harbor; being stationed at Camp Edwards, MA, Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Salisbury, England; being a Second Lieutenant nurse.

Text: 18 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3215_c2318_01, mfc_na3215_c2318_02 51 minutes

**Interviewer** John Dunham

**Narrator:** Mary Elliot

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Description: 3216 Barbara B. Collier, interviewed by Elizabeth LaPierre, December 9, 2000, in Collier’s home in Kennebunk, Maine. Collier, 83 at the time of interview, talks about serving as a 2nd class storekeeper in the Naval Air Unit of the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), the women's branch of the United States Naval Reserve, during World War II; served 1943 -1946; serving at the Opa Locka Naval Air Force Base near Miami, FL.

Text: 24 pp. transcript
**Description:** 3217 Marjorie C. Hall, interviewed by Robin Arnold and Molly MacLean, November 15, 2000. Hall talks about completing her basic training at Hunter College in New York City in 1944; joining the Hospital Corps upon completion; being stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital; and later at Great Lakes, Illinois as part of the WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service).

Text: 18 pp. transcript, 2 pp. copied photos
Recording: mfc_na3217_c2320_01, mfc_na3217_c2320_02 60 minutes
3218 Annie M. McCarthy, interviewed by Robin Arnold and Molly MacLean, November 17, 2000, at her home in Bangor, Maine. McCarthy talks about being a member of a detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps assigned to the Air Force; working as a Radio Operator in Daytona, Florida; serving under the 8th Air Force Strategic Air Command in China and India.

Text: 23 pp. transcript
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Description: 3219 Evelyn McPhee, interviewed by Jaime Ferris, November 28, 2000, Bangor, Maine. McPhee talks about her childhood in Bangor, Maine; her decision to enlist in the Navy; her family’s reaction; her education; her reasons for enlisting in the Waves (Navy) in 1941; serving stateside during World War II; boot camp at Hunters College in New York; her tour of New York; Milledgeville State Teacher’s College in Georgia; transferring to Atlanta, Georgia; her duties as a storekeeper; typing orders; Tyrone Power; Kate Smith; her opinions about segregation and integration; Southern attitudes towards Northern Yankees and African-Americans; the prejudice she endured as a Northerner; her husband’s return from the South Pacific where he served as a medic; settling in Harrisburg, Mississippi; reasons why youth today should enlist.

Text: 12 pp. transcript

Recording: mfc_na3219_c2322_01 24 minutes

Interviewer: Jaime Ferris

Depositor: Evelyn McPhee

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Interviewer: Student in WS 201
Narrator: Ruth O’Neil

Description: 3220 Ruth O’Neil, interviewed by a student in WS 201, November 27, 2000, Old Town, Maine. O’Neil talked about joining the Army in 1953; serving as a field medic; completing her basic training at Fort MCAuley in Alabama. For the class’s Women and War project.

Text: 3 pp. transcript (first 5 minutes only)
Recording: mfc_na3220_c2323_01, mfc_na3220_c2323_02 84 minutes
Description: 3221 Louine Lunt Peck, interviewed by Carol Toner and Mazie Hough, August 16, 2000, at her home in Northeast Harbor, Maine. Peck talks about her childhood on Mount Desert Island, Maine; experiences as a nurse in World War II; her work on They Called Them Angels: Nurses in World War II by Kathy Jackson; her service in the Army and Navy Nurse Cares; her discharge from the Navy due to marriage; her enlistment in the Army; her divorce due to desertion; the hospital steamship the Acadia; her physical training on and off board ship; her education at Columbia University, New York; joining the Veteran’s of Foreign Wars; evasion techniques; black-outs in the Strait of Gibraltar; sexist practices in the military; looting during WWII; her military decorations; the G.I. Bill; her education after the war ended; SCIESA; and male and female discharge papers and practices.

Text: 44 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3221_c2325_01 & mfc_na3221_c2325_02 95 minutes
Accession Date: 2001.12.13  

Description: 3222 Colette Beaulieu, interviewed by Sharon T. Callnan, December 13, 2001. Colette talks about her birth date and birthplace; her parents; her upbringing; her reasons for joining the military; being a mother and wife when she joined the Air Force; basic training; her experience as a woman in the military; her service from 1992 to 1996; her assignment in supply and inventory management; Spangdahlem, Germany; Minot, North Dakota; Palace Chase; being in the Air Guard and Air National Guard Reserves.

Text: 2 pp. photo copies
Recording: mfc_na3222_c2326_01, mfc_na3222_c2326_02 77 minutes
Description: 3223 Sara Bilodeau, interviewed by Phyllis von Herrlich, November 10, 2001. Bilodeau talks about going into service in 1986; marrying a man from Maine; being on active duty in 1992; United States Air Force; “slick sleeve” airman basic; family in military; a building designated for all women in 1986; the 60 other women in basic with her; open bay; guide on; law enforcement; selecting 1 woman a month; becoming a dog handler; training at Lagland (Lackland?) Air Force base; 15 weeks of training; being the only female in her group of 6; going to Guam; PRP certification; walking the “red line”; “red dogs”- Belgian Malinois dogs; switching dogs; working in Air Force base in South Caroline; defending during Desert Storm; marrying in Guam; being in the army 6 years; starting full time in guard in 93; thinking everyone should serve two years at least; serving 1986 - 1992.

Text: 34 pp. transcript, 2 pp. copied photos
Recording: mfc_na3223_c2327_01, mfc_na3223_c2327_02 76 minutes
Description: **3224 Sharon Blair**, interviewed by Caitlyn Barker, December 4, 2001, Augusta, Maine. Blair talks about her aspirations of becoming a legal secretary; attending Thomas College; reasons for joining the Marine Corps in 1965; struggles of boot camp at Paris Island, South Carolina; treatment of women in boot camp; the developed bond between members of Marine Corps, and those of the military; life at the base at Cherry Point in North Carolina; working at the Cherry Point base while fellow Marines were deployed to Vietnam; segregation; lessons of the Marine Corps, and its impact on her life; being the first women veteran to work in a male dominated section of the VA; information about WIMSA.

Text: 32 pp. transcript, 1 pp. index
Recording: mfc_na3224_c2328_01, mfc_na3224_c2328_02 75 minutes
Description: 3225 Louise Cirillo, interviewed by Angela Nickerson, March 17, 2002, Pittsfield, Maine. Cirillo (b. 1912) talks about being growing up in Germany; working as a cook; coming to the U. S. in 1936 to escape Hitler’s Germany; meeting the Von Trapp family; first impressions of America; training to be a nurse; treating patients with malaria; joining the Army; her leisure time; working in a military hospital; secret marriage; hearing about the end of WWII; her military leave; living in Boston with her husband; private duty nurse at Deaconess Hospital in Boston; public health nurse in Springfield, MA; husband becoming a lawyer; moving to Pittsfield, Maine; husband served as District Attorney for 3 terms in Skowhegan, ME; meeting Galen Cole; experiences of her parents in Germany during and after the war; her father (WWI vet); how life in Europe was different after the war.

Text: 36 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3225_c2329_01, mfc_na3225_c2329_02 62 minutes
Description: 3226 Jacalyn L. Ellingsen, interviewed by Sarah Lawler, November 13, 2001, unknown location. Ellingsen talks about her experience as an information manager in the Air National Guard since 1979; basic training in Lackland, Texas; tech school in MS; her reasons for joining; computer use; rules and regulations; the view of women in the military, Air Force, and administration; her experience as a hippie in Huntingdon, PA during the Vietnam War; patriotism; her view of the Persian Gulf War and the Iraq War; the role of the Air Nation Guard; the reaction of her family and friends to her enlistment; GI Bill; the relationship between the government and the military; her stay in Alaska during her husband’s tour; marriage, divorce, and motherhood; military benefits; the government’s handling of September 11th and anthrax; the role of women and discrimination in the military and civilian workplace; women in combat; female relationships; military promotional policies; travel.

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**Description:** 3227 Patricia Conlon, interviewed by Kristin Taylor, November 5, 2001. Conlon talks about her personal and family histories; her childhood in Newark, New Jersey; her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Conlon; being a commissioned officer in the Air Force during the Gulf War; McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey; hers and her family’s reactions to her enlistment in the Air Force; being a mother while serving in the military; Shephard Air Force Base in Texas; her experiences and duties as a flight nurse for Air Vac in Europe and the United States; her opinions on differences between men and women in the military; activities during leisure time; her homecoming after the Gulf War ended; her opinion on women in combat; benefits received for serving in the military; and her subsequent training as a perfusionist.

Recording: mfc_na3227_c2332_01 29 minutes

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Description: 3228 Debra Couture, interviewed by Sarah Brasslett, December 2, 2001, at Drummond Chapel at the UMaine. Couture discusses her experience as an Medical Service Corps Officer in the Navy Reserve from 1987 on; the response to the Persian Gulf War; officer candidate school in Pensacola, FL; rules and regulations for men and women; her role in the Persian Gulf War; her typical day at the hospital; the relationship between men and women in the military; military and civilian employment; reaction to the Vietnam War; her family’s reaction to her enlistment; military benefits; her political opinion of the Persian Gulf War; gender improvements in the military; the relationship between men and women; female relationships and officers; view of women in the military; her view on the Iraq War and the reaction to it; female promotional policies and opportunities in the military; Women Veteran’s Commission in Maine 1998.

Recording: mfc_na3228_c2333_01, mfc_na3228_c2333_02 85 minutes
Description: 3229 Mary Jane Cyr, interviewed by Caitlyn Barker, November 14, 2001, at her home in Hermon. Cyr talks about her career as a flight mechanic and crew chief in the Air National Guard; family background; basic training in Lackland, Texas; her experience in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War; family life and the military; her experience as a woman in the military and other’s perceptions; her opinion of the Persian Gulf War and September 11th; tech school; travel; women’s place in the military.

Recording: mfc_na3229_c2334_01 23 minutes
Description: **3230 Lydia Franz**, interviewed by Angela Nickerson, April 7, 2002, at her home in Owl’s Head, Maine. Franz talks about her experience in WWII as a WAC cryptanalyst; code and Japanese water-code; military secrecy and security; family home front and military experience; reaction to Pearl Harbor; recruitment and placement; basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, GA; work at Arlington Hall and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.; Japanese surrender and reaction to Hiroshima; early IBM computers; cracking code for Douglass McArthur; relationship between the military and the media; reaction to article by Drew Peterson; the Japanese change from Enigma code; propaganda and feelings toward the Japanese; women’s place in the military; experience as a foreign legion clerk in China; amoebic dysentery; arrival in San Francisco; childhood in Chicago; G. I. Bill education; experience as a realtor in Illinois.

Recording: **mfc_na3230_c2335_01, mfc_na3230_c2335_02** 63 minutes
Description: 3231 Susan “Sue” Murphy-Hammond, interviewed by Phyllis von Herrlich, October 28, 2001, Augusta, Maine. Murphy-Hammond talks about the U.S. Navy: enlisting in 1970; basic training at 18; the strict list of what could be brought; barracks; having to walk paths that were unmarked, punishment if you went off; training with just women; having to have a physical twice; wearing dungarees; 3 uniforms; training with 28 or 30 girls; room standards; failing inspection too many times, didn’t graduate; wearing a wig so she didn’t have to cut her hair; her station in Quonset Point, RI; waves; black shoe; brown shoe; working in aircraft intermediate maintenance department; first class petty officer; husband going to Vietnam; honorable discharge for pregnancy; knife and fork school; working with 2 or 3 other women; hospital on base; belief that all U.S. citizens should serve; people in military turning to alcohol for the loneliness; could drink on base underaged.

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Description: 3232 Barbara Hammett, interviewed by Kristen Frey, November 14, 2001, unknown location. Hammett talks about her experience as an Air Force military working dog handler at Loring Air Force Base in Maine from 1979-1989; father’s military background; perception of Vietnam; basic training in Lackland, Texas; experience as the only female dog handler at Loring; treatment by male colleagues; view on military policy and gender; perceptions of women in the military.

Recording: mfc_na3232_c2337_01 20 minutes

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Description: 3233 Brenda Jordan, interviewed by Sarah Brasslett, November 10, 2001, at her home in Maine. Jordan talks about her experience at West Point 1983-1987 and her family and community’s reaction; her experience as a communications officer in the Army 1987-1992; her pregnancy during the Persian Gulf War; marriage and children; Jumpmaster School; the reaction of the media and the Fort Bragg community to the Persian Gulf War; a typical day at Fort Bragg; communications equipment; duty and patriotism; leadership skills; view of military politics and policies; place of women at West Point and in the military; gender discrimination and justice at West Point and in the military; experience in the Maine National Guard, ROTC, and Air National Guard in the late 1990s; diversity and friendship in the military; growing up in Bristol, CT; leisure activity; the relationship between men and women in the military; female relationships and lesbians in the military; her experience as a woman in the military and the view of society; women in combat; military promotional policies; ROTC summer camp.

Recording: mfc_na3233_c2338_01&02, mfc_na3233_c2339_01&02 96 minutes
Description: 3234 Deborah A. Lee, interviewed by Kristin Taylor, November 8, 2001. Lee, a member of the Air National Guard and was born in Boston in 1957, talks about joining the National Guard and her family’s reaction; job of in-flight refueling of jets; experiences with basic training and specialty training; time in survival school; equality between men and women in the Air National Guard; quality of officers in the Guard; pros and cons of being in the Air National Guard; experiences overseas; how service changes attitude toward military and the government; life after service and keeping in touch with people afterward; what she wants to share with citizens about her experiences with the service; serving 1983 – interview.

Text: 28 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3234_c2340_01&02, mfc_na3234_c2341_01 79 minutes
**Description:** 3235 Cheryl L. Martin, interviewed by Kim Sealy, November 15, 2001. Martin talks about personal and parent’s educational background; decision to join Air Force instead of go to college; military history; “MAINEiacs”; federal versus state military service; time in basic training; benefits; logistics and shipping duties; year off with Fortune 500 company; CCAF; time as boom operator (air refueling); time in Kosovo; war effect on family; Shaw Air Force Base; rank and gender issues; air versus ground combat; experience in “gender free” military culture; officer versus enlisted rankings.

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**Interviewer:** Robin F Arnold  
**Depositor:** Beth Parks

**Description:** 3236 Beth Parks, interviewed by Robin Arnold, November 8, 2001.

Recording: mfc_na3236_c2343_01, mfc_na3236_c2343_02 73 minutes

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Description: 3237 Staff Sergeant Lisa Powell, interviewed by Jessica Mayhan, November 5, 2001, in Powell’s home in Hermon, Maine. Powell, born in McAdam, New Brunswick in 1968, talks about joining the Navy after high school; her experiences with basic training; moving on to tech school to learn her job; what Powell had to do at her job as a radioman; handling classified documents; her time stationed in Bahrain; where she lived in Bahrain; dress of foreign and local women in Bahrain; Navy paying housing while overseas.

Text: 7 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3237_c2344_01 30 minutes

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Collection Name: Women in the Military/ Vietnam War Collection

Interviewer/Depositor: Hillary Jackson

Narrator: Ursula Pritham

Description: 3238 Ursula Pritham, interviewed by Hillary Jackson, November 5, 2001. Pritham, who was born in New York City in 1955, talks about her background (Swiss); serving in the Army Nurse Core; serving stateside, in Germany, and in Korea; initial training; Vietnam; Gulf War; husband; typical day; toll on family; public support; funny moments; husband’s experiences in the military; his views of the military; travel; male/female relationships in the military; relationships among the women; harassment; her thoughts about the military.

Text: 24 pp. transcript
Recordings: mfc_na3238_c2345_01, mfc_na3238_c2346_01&02 91 minutes

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Recording: mfc_na3239_c2347_01, mfc_na3239_c2347_02 79 minutes
Description: **3240 Yvonne Roland**, interviewed by Hillary Jackson, November 26, 2001. Roland, who was born in Alabama, talks about the days when she was in the Air Force: being stationed in Turkey, Andrews Air Force Basin Maryland, and been to Colorado, Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, South Carolina, and Pease Air Force in new Hampshire; her start as a commissioned officer; Gulf War; benefits of military training; politics; changes she saw; funny moments; Egypt; travel; competitiveness in the military; feelings about the military; women in combat.

Text: 13 pp. transcript
Recordings: **mfc_na3240_c2348_01** 30 minutes
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Recording: mfc_na3241_c2349_01&02, mfc_na3241_c2350_01&02 152 minutes
Description: 3242 Phyllis Sprague, interviewed by Kristen Frey on November 14, 2001. Sprague was born in Newbury, Vermont in 1943. Sprague talks about joining the Army in 1961; a typical day in basic training and then working for the Army; experience as a medical officer in the Army; Sprague’s attitude toward the military and government becoming more patriotic after her service; way soldiers were welcomed home after Vietnam compared to the Gulf War; relationship between men and women in the military in the 60s; having to leave the military for pregnancy; absence of sexual harassment in the Army.

Text: 10 pp. transcript
Recordings: mfc_na3242_c2351_01, mfc_na3242_c2351_02 38 minutes

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**Description:** 3243 Marion Townsend, interviewed by Phyllis von Herrlich, January 6, 2002.
Townsend talks about joining the service in 1942; twenty-eight when she joined the Navy; Hunter College for boot camp training; lived in dorms; went to store keeper school; ordered supplies; was in for two years; trained with just women; didn’t get trained to shoot a gun; it was either get out or go to Japan; naval reserve for two years; type a certain WPM to pass store keeper school; went to Gates Business College; went to the University of Maine for a year then to Farmington; teaching for thirty-seven years; wants women to join the military; her rank was third class store keeper.

Recording: mfc_na3243_c2352_01 49 minutes
Description: 3244 Sergeant First Class Deborah Owens, interviewed by Jessica Mahan, October 30, 2001, in Owens’ home in Newport, Maine. Owens, born in Clemens, Georgia in 1966, talks about joining the army when she was 18; experience driving trucks in the Army; difference between training for men and women in the army in 1985; tasks as an army recruiter; experiences while stationed in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War; family support of her going overseas; equality of genders in military squads; plans to remain in the army until retirement; experiences in all the places she was stationed. Also included Xerox copies of photographs; 2 page journal.

Text: 23 pp. transcript, 5 pp. copies of photos, 1 pp. business card
Recordings: mfc_na3244_c2353_01, mfc_na3244_c2354_01 43 minutes
Photos: P 9141 - P 9147
Description: **3245 Frances Auclair**, interviewed by Kim Sealy and Sarah Lawler, November 29, 2001. Auclair talks about running away to join the army after hearing stories about other’s experiences in it; her parents’ experiences in the Army, followed by Auclair joining the Navy; basic training followed by her first military job; being a hospital corpsman for the Navy; inequalities between gender in the 1970s; a typical day in the military as a woman; her time working in a hospital in MA; her opinion on jobs and work policies; community support for military personal; how leisure time was spent in the hospital and how it is spent now; funny memories from in the military; worst part of working for the military; relationship between men and women in the military; treatment of women in the military in the 70s compared to now; having a medical role in the military versus being in combat.

Text: 38 pp. transcript
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**Depositor:**

**Narrator:** Boni Newsom

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Name: Brenda Gagner

Interviewer: Rebecca Bode
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Narrator: Brenda Gagner

Description: 3249 Brenda Gagner, interviewed by Rebecca Bode, April 29, 2003.

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Description: **3251 Olive Benton**, interviewed by Miranda Coombs, May 2, 2003, in Benton’s home in Bangor, Maine. Benton was born in Etna, Maine. Topics covered include Benton’s experiences in the Army during the Korean War; basic training; segregation of men and women in the military bases; being in Tokyo during the Korean War; treatment of lesbians; homosexuality unacceptable in the military; Benton’s relationships within the military; her marriage and death of her husband; treatment of soldiers in foreign countries; Benton’s willingness to rejoin the military.

Text: 27 pp. transcript
Recording: **mfc_na3251_c2364_01** 42 minutes
3252 Captain Jennifer Curtis Fowler, interviewed by Davida Kellogg, January 31, 2003, in Fowler’s home in Colonial Heights, VA. Fowler talks about completing her Officer Ordinance Basic Course in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD; cadet training at Fort Bragg; eventually becoming an Ordnance Corps officer working in Tank Material Management (automotive maintenance); working in Germany; being deployed to Bosnia, traveling to/from Bosnia, hurting her finger, state of the camp, relations at the camp, daily work there; being an Army Ordnance Officer; writing lesson plans and training manuals; serving 1994 - current.

Text: 44 pp. transcript

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Name: Military

Interviewer: Davida Kellogg

Depositor:

Narrator: Colonel Judy-Ann Carroll

Description: 3253 Colonel Judy-Ann Carroll, interviewed by Davida Kellogg, August 20, 2002, in Ms. Kellogg’s home in Orono, Maine. Carroll talks about her service in the United States Army through the College Junior Program; her training conducted at Fort McClellan, AL; being stationed later in Darmstadt, Germany; serving as a training officer the the Women’s Army Corps and as a Military Police Officer; serving 1973 – 2002.

Text: 2 copies, 35 pp. transcripts

Recording: mfc_na3253_c2366_01&02, mfc_na3253_c2367.1_01 106 minutes
Description: 4193 Barbara Beal, interviewed by Amy L. Stevens, May 1, 2003, in Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth, Maine. Beal, age 56, talks about her service as an Army nurse in the Vietnam War; her family and friends’ reaction to her deployment; her anxiety prior to deployment; her training experiences; her preconceptions of the war vs. the reality; her emotional experience of the war; her typical day at the medevac hospital; the dangers of the job; her leisure time; socialization between men and women; her most important relationships during the war; her reception upon returning as a veteran; whether the war changed her; continuing her nursing career as a civilian; moving to Maine from Pittsburgh; whether she would do it all over again; her family history; the ethnic and gender makeup of her coworkers during the war; her experience of sexism in the military; her positive memories of the war; male soldiers’ visitation of prostitutes; and wartime pregnancies.

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Interviewer: Sarah Beazley
/Depositor: Christine DiPompo

Narrator: Christine DiPompo

Description: 4194 Christine DiPompo, interviewed by Sarah Beazley, May 15, 2003, in her home in Brewer, Maine. DiPompo, age 82, talks about her family background; joining the Women's Army Corps in World War II; her basic training experiences; barracks life; her work as a W. A.C. lab technician; married women being forced out of the lab; working a second job at a plastics factory; her treatment from her male and female superiors; visiting home; social life during the war; meeting her husband, a fellow lab technician; her family and friends’ reaction to her enlistment; the W.A.C.’s scandalous reputation; lesbians in the W.A.C.; her most memorable W.A.C. experience; the relationships she formed during the war; her civilian work as a lab technician; her family life; how her service has shaped the rest of her life; whether she would do it all over again; whether she encouraged her daughters to enlist; her brother’s military service; and changes in the role of women in the military.

Text: 15 pp. transcript

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4195 Erma Frances Fletcher, interviewed by Amy L. Stevens, April 24, 2003, in Dexter, Maine. Fletcher, age 79, talks about her family history; her early life; working in a factory after high school; the stigma against female military service; enlisting in the Navy in World War II; her basic training experiences; marching for President Roosevelt; surviving on a small stipend; missing out on serving in Manila; her transcription work; how she spent her leisure time; meeting her husband during the war; regretting not staying in the service after 1946; moving to Washington, D.C. after her service; her sense of patriotism during the war; whether she would recommend enlisting in that time period; working under female superior officers in training and male afterwards; doing kitchen police (KP) duty; losing weight in basic training; women dropping out during basic training; her reception upon returning as a veteran; and whether her military experience changed her.

Text: 14 pp. transcript
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Name: Military

Description: 4196 Donna Loring, interviewed by Mazie Hough and Carol Toner, June 19, 2001, in Augusta, Maine. Loring, age 53, talks about enlisting in the Army in the Vietnam War; her experiences of discrimination as a Native American in Maine; boarding school; taking an aptitude test after enlisting; basic training; her role as a member of the Signal Corps; the dangers of the job; rising through the ranks; the detachment of the Women’s Army Corps from the rest of the Army; women soldiers and weapons; leaving the base against orders; racism in the military; diversity within the W.A.C.; the psychological effects; leisure time; feeling alone in her experiences; her reception upon returning; her service as a learning experience; her family members’ service; the relative uniqueness of her Vietnam experience; bonding with Vietnam veterans; other women’s exposure to carcinogens during the war; returning to Vietnam in 1997; and her work with the Maine Women's Veterans Commission.

Text: 19 pp. transcript
4197 Mary Jane Miller, interviewed by Elizabeth Bunten, May 9, 2003. Miller, age 80, talks about her family; enlisting in the Navy (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in World War II; her family and friends’ reaction to her enlistment; her basic training experience; the relationship between male officers and female enlisted; her not going overseas during the war; whether she would do it all again; changes in opportunities for women in the military; leaving the Navy after the war; delivering a top secret message; and working under women officers.

Text: 8 pp. transcript
Description: 4198 Paula Pietrowski, interviewed by Annie Howley, April 21, 2003. Miller, age 36-37, talks about her decision to join the Coast Guard; her family and boyfriend’s reaction to her enlistment; her basic training experiences; returning to Maine for assignment; male vs. female commanding officers; tension between men and women and between women; minorities in the Coast Guard; sexual harassment; whether women should be included in the next draft; how she spent her leisure time; her discharge and transition to civilian life; rising through the ranks; gays and lesbians in the military; whether she would do it all over again; her most positive experience in the Coast Guard; her biggest struggle in the Coast Guard; and her advice for people, particularly women, joining the military.

Text: 20 pp. transcript
**Description:** 4199 Deborah Smith, interviewed by Sarah Beazley, April 15, 2003, in her home in Brewer, Maine. Smith, age 42-43, talks about her decision to join the Air National Guard; rising through the ranks; her family and friends’ reaction to her enlistment; her current duties in the Air National Guard; her basic training experiences; how basic training affected her self-image; the bonds she formed with other female enlistees; discrimination in the military; changes in the role of women in the military; nursing as a historic profession for women in the military; women organizations in the military; her leisure time; meeting her husband in the military; dating within the military; her various overseas deployments; coping with stress; how her service has shaped her life; whether she would do it all over again; whether she encouraged her daughters to enlist; why she would not recommend women join the Army; lesbians in the military; and following orders against one’s conscience.
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Name: Military

Interviewer Elizabeth Bunten
/Depositor:

Narrator: Anne Tenney

Description: 4200 Anne Tenney, interviewed by Elizabeth Bunten, May 7, 2003, in Castine, Maine. Smith, age 81, talks about her decision to join the Navy (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in World War II; her basic training experiences; being assigned to New York City; her anti-submarine work; marrying and leaving the service after her pregnancy; remarrying another WWII veteran as a widow; public perception of women in the Navy during the war; minorities in the military; and changes in the role of women in the military.

Text: 6 pp. transcript

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