

Because of your support in these areas and more [provision of advice, networking, and making this project a reality], I am writing to share the progress of ***I am a U. S. Veteran: Women in Wars & Conflicts [WWII to Current Conflicts]***.

This past weekend, I attended the Arizona Women Veteran's Conference. Here I interviewed and photographed 37 women Veterans in a day and a half. The most interesting part of this event was the inclusion of all categories of women from WWII to Current Conflicts. In addition, I met, interviewed and photographed our future. The bookends were a 90 year old WAC/WASP and four Civil Air Patrol ROTC members. Yes, they spoke with their CO and called their parents for permission to participate. I've attached copies of these women to offer a view into this project.



Here are a few of the women Veteran -- her stories I've collected since 22 Feb 2011 [program start date]: WWII - USN - first Korean USN Officer & first USN Intelligence Officer; WWII - USA - two sisters - both nurses who served in France DD+4; Korean War - USAF - first female K-9 dog handler & narcotics dog trainer; Viet Nam War - Criminal Investigator - stationed in MACV HQ, Saigon; Peacetime - USN - first group of women allowed to serve in the Sea Bees; Desert Storm/Shield USN - Quartermaster; Global War on Terrorism (OIF/OEF) - USN - Senior Chief; Boatswain Mate.

I've interviewed mothers who have served and their daughters who currently serve. I've interviewed sisters who have served together within the same branch and in different branches of our military. I've interviewed an aunt and her niece who have served in different branches at different times. I've interviewed Reservists. I have interviewed female Veterans in California, Oregon, Arizona, Georgia, Virginia, Delaware and the Washington, DC area. I've, also, interviewed women Veterans who live in VA Assisted Living Facilities in California - which are state-of-the-art facilities. Many of those interviewed have recommended women Veterans and/or organizations I need to contact.

These are a few of the organizations, I've connected with to date: all of the military branches women Veterans' Associations, the American Legion, Syracuse University - V-WISE Program, AmVets, PAV, DVA, Business & Professional Women's Foundation, individual States; Department of Veterans-Department of Women Veterans, the American Legion. Each has been very helpful.

I have as of this writing interviewed and photographed 100 of our nation's female Veterans. With a project goal of 1,000 female Veterans, future plans to connect with the remaining 900 include and are not limited to: I am in San Antonio at the Syracuse University V-

WISE Conference this week; the Paralyzed Veterans of America at their summer Wheel Chair Olympics; the American Legion National Convention; Academy Women's Officer Leadership Conference and the Washington State 2011 Women Veterans Summit.

Each time, I meet a new female Veteran, I realize I touch a personal part of history in defense of our nation and it is my honor.

I look forward to updating you in the future. Thank you again for your interest in this project.

With warm regards,

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