



2017 Rosie Rally, by Lisa Foote.

Don't miss this year's Rosie Rally Home Front Festival!

Once again, on August 11th, we will gather to celebrate the legacy of Rosie the Riveter, an icon for women across the world.

Join us from 11 am to 4 pm at this free and family-friendly event for fun, festivities, great food, costume contests, dancing and more at the Craneway Pavilion.

This year, instead of breaking the Guinness record, we encourage everyone to update Rosie in creative ways or to come in traditional garb to join the largest Rosie celebration and festival yet! This year's event will honor original WWII Rosies and home front workers and celebrate the ordinary people from many backgrounds, ethnicities, and communities across the U.S. who stepped up to extraordinary challenges during WWII.

To keep abreast of the latest news about the event, sign up now!

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Our continued gratitude to **Edward Von der Porten**, the renowned maritime scholar, archeologist, and collector, whose WWII Home Front artifact collection of more than 2,000 unique items was acquired by the Rosie the Riveter Trust and given as a gift to the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. Mr. Von der Porten passed away April 9, 2018.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



For the third year in a row, the park Visitor Center has hosted joyous, energetic groups of fourth graders from February to early May. As you enter our front door, you will see students learning how the entire nation mobilized during the war. Downstairs you will find them in the classroom learning how people rationed food, recycled essential materials, and pitched in on the home front. If you venture outside, toward the Rosie Memorial, you will likely see a group gathered at

the water's edge exploring both history and the ecology of San Francisco Bay.

Although youth of all ages visit the park year-round to learn WWII history, the majority of fourth graders (we expect nearly 2,000 this year) arrive at the park on buses funded by grants and individual donations from Trust supporters. For many of these underserved classrooms, a visit to Rosie the Riveter is their only field trip of the year. We are proud to be able to make history come alive for these children, who will be the future stewards of both our democracy and our planet.

—Marsha Mather-Thrift

The Continuing Adventures of Betty Reid Soskin

For Betty Reid Soskin, the 96-year-old Ranger at the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, life just seems to get “richer and more abundantly lyrical” by the day, as she noted in a recent posting in her widely read blog (at cbreaux.blogspot.com). “I’ve grown into someone I’d like to know—were I not me already,” she adds.

Thousands of friends of the Rosie National Park are already familiar with Soskin’s story and her sharp historical insights from her regular talks at the park’s Visitor Center, which are filled each week with visitors from all over the country and around the world. She speaks regularly about her personal experience with racial segregation on the World War II Home Front and why she nonetheless became an early and important advocate for the creation of the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. In Betty’s view—which is now widely shared—the struggles for racial justice waged by minorities on the Home Front provided the necessary foundation for the civil rights movement of the 1960s, as well as for ongoing struggles for racial equality ever since.

In recent years, Soskin has been the center of a nonstop whirlwind of awards, talks, and interviews. Her appearances in just the last year have included the Commonwealth Club, Google, the Makers Conference in Los Angeles, Salesforce, and NPR. Most recently she was honored by the National Parks Conservation Association in Washington, DC with the Robin W. Winks award. This prestigious award is given annually to an individual or organization which has effectively communicated the values of the National Park System to the American public.

To capture Soskin’s unique contributions to the National Park Service and to our understanding of National Park values, Rosie the Riveter Trust has been working with Soskin and a team of filmmakers on a 30-minute broadcast-quality film, focusing on Betty’s remarkable ability to share crucial historical perspectives on civil rights and racial equality with audiences. The film is scheduled to premiere in late June of 2018.

As if all this impact wasn’t enough, Soskin’s widely-praised memoir *Sign My Name to Freedom* was published earlier this year. The book, compiled largely from Soskin’s blog postings over the last 15 years, chronicles her remarkable journey of nearly a century as an acute observer and an active shaper of the social and political upheavals of her time.

Unfortunately, the demands of her recent celebrity status required Soskin to temporarily suspend her talks at the park to keep up with a hectic but rewarding schedule of interviews and book-signing events. The good news is: Betty is now back in the theater at the Visitor Center, sharing her wisdom with audiences once again. Yet she



Betty Reid Soskin, courtesy of NPS.

is still contemplating an audio version of her book, collaborating with a well-known jazz musician to bring songwriting and music from her early career to young musicians, and more.

For this remarkable great-granddaughter of a slave, it seems there’s always something new and wonderful just around the corner.

We Did It! 2018 Dinner Recap

“Growing a Rosie Future” says it all. The Trust’s annual benefit gala this year raised \$118,000 for youth and public education programs and brought special honors to our WWII docents (now in their 90’s) and to those we have recently lost. These women and men (fondly called “Rosies” and “Rogers”) have shaped our unique national park with their many contributions—volunteering their time and their first-person stories to help forge a legacy for generations to come.

Guests enjoyed meeting our honored docents in the “Rosie Lounge” and perusing a commemorative booklet to learn more about their wartime work. Docents received 40’s-style orchid wrist corsages, and Trust board member Cathy Durfee and NPS Acting Superintendent, Sue Fritzke presented a toast to recognize those who were present and those who were not.

Our Sponsors—including “Shirley the Shipbuilder” sponsor, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers AFL-CIO and “Rosie the Riveter” sponsor Kaiser Permanente—have deep roots in the WWII war production effort and a strong interest

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in teaching youth to overcome differences and work for the common good.

Jerry Di Vecchio, who served as Food and Wine Editor for *Sunset* magazine for more than 20 years, was keynote speaker. Ms. Di Vecchio has written and edited more than 60 *Sunset* cookbooks; taught, travelled, and lectured widely; and served as co-founding president of *Les Dames des Escoffier*, an international society of prestigious women in the food and wine industry. A pre-event reception enabled sponsors to meet Ms. Di Vecchio one-on-one.

While guests dined and enjoyed fine wines donated by Trefethen Family Vineyards, Ms. Di Vecchio presented a wise and witty journey through the food world from wartime to the present. The talk chronicled Ms. Di Vecchio's own wartime experiences as a child growing a victory garden with her family, our 1950's cultural infatuation with processed foods, and today's wide-ranging international cooking influences. As she explored changing food trends stimulated by war and its aftermath, Ms. Di Vecchio traced a

perfect arc to today's trend toward healthy and sustainable foods, once again utilizing small gardens and WWII's pre-chemical farming methods.

Dinner guests mingled to enjoy gorgeous hilltop views from the Berkeley Country Club, sampled hors d'oeuvres, and browsed the auction, finding special get-aways and even a signed Kevin Durant jersey among the treasures to take home. Rosies Margaret Archie, Agnes Moore, Kay Morrison, Marian Sousa, Mary Torres, and Marian Wynn sat at sponsor tables to chat with guests. Families with roots in wartime industries and home front work—including 103-year-old Josephine Lico—also enjoyed the occasion.

Best of all, the event raised important funds to support our work to "Grow a Rosie Future," enhancing park youth education programs that build character, awareness of democratic values, and an educational bridge between the world inhabited by our 90-year-old Rosies in their youth and the world inhabited by youngsters and teenagers today.

Raphael Allen In Celebration of a Remarkable Ranger



Raphael Allen loved to teach. As he engaged audiences with his fascinating stories, built rapport with teenagers and teachers, and worked with experts to develop new curriculum enhancements, Raphael never lost a moment to improve someone's knowledge of history. Thanks to his work and collaborations, Rosie the Riveter's teaching resources grew, encompassing detailed information about often-hidden stories, such as the struggles of Japanese-Americans and African-Americans seeking to support their country during wartime.

A Stanford graduate and former book editor, Raphael combined passion for his work with the joy of being a national park ranger—a mission he took seriously because he deeply understood the importance of national parks to our cultural history. His brilliance, wit, and humor engaged audiences on every level, opening up lively conversations about identity, race, history, and democracy's progress over the decades after the war.

On May 1, 2018, Raphael passed away unexpectedly from surgical complications, leaving a gap too large to fill in his wake. We will miss him every day.

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June 2018 calendar

Visit the RORI homepage for up-to-date event and tour schedules at nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/calendar.htm.
Call the Visitor Education Center to confirm for special programs at 510-232-5050 x0.

*** NEW.** For all Betty Reid Soskin programs: Reservations for seats—including the wait list—must be made in advance, by phone. Please call 510-232-5050 x0. For groups larger than 24, special arrangements are required.
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through fearful times. We'll see and hear how we listened through samples from radio, records, and the movies.

Games and Toys for Girls and Boys
6/13 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
Wartime was deadly serious for grown-ups, but for kids, it was a time for adventure. Let's explore how children had fun during the war years: costumes, riding toys, board games, ships and planes and trains, the comics, and more!

THURSDAYS

"Of Lost Conversations"
6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28 @ 11:00 am (1 hour)
See Tuesdays for description.

Blossoms and Thorns
6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary *Blossoms and Thorns* about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII incarceration camp.

FRIDAYS

Rosie Meet and Greet
6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29 @ 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:20 pm (40 minutes)
A group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.

SATURDAYS

"Habeas Corpus in Wartime: World War II and the Mass Detention of Japanese Americans"
6/2 @ 11:00 am (1 hour)
University of California, Berkeley Professor of Law Amanda L. Tyler will discuss her recently published book, *Habeas Corpus in Wartime: From the Tower of London to Guantanamo Bay* (Oxford UP 2017), and specifically its coverage of the World War II period and the internment of Japanese Americans that followed under Executive Order 9066. As Tyler's book explores, during World War II, in the face of serious constitutional questions about the propriety of martial law, internment of citizens, and military trials of civilians, constitutional considerations generally gave way to war hysteria.

Henry J. Kaiser: "Build 'Em by the Mile and Cut 'Em off by the Yard"
6/30 @ 3:30 pm (1 hour)
Join author Steve Gilford for a presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.

SUNDAYS

Bay Trail Walk
6/10 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour) (Rain cancels)
Take a leisurely stroll and explore home front history with a park ranger.

A Second Gold Rush: Migration to California, 1940-45
6/24 @ 2:00 pm (1 hour)
Join UC Berkeley Professor of History Emeritus Thomas Metcalf for a presentation about how the unprecedented migration during WWII created the California we know today.

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What will you wear to this year's Rosie Rally? Check finding an outfit off your to-do list with one of these two Rosie the Riveter t-shirts! Opt for the traditional "We Can Do It!" Rosie, or update your Rosie for a new era with this "We Did It!" design.



Both designs now available in the Visitor Center Gift Shop for just \$20 each!