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In honor of Irene DeBose
Nicole Barnett:

The Rosies Go to Normandy

Four Rosies who share their stories at the Visitor Center on most Fridays, Phyllis Gould, Marian Goza, Marian Wynn, and Agnes Moore, traveled to Normandy for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. “To be walking on the same beach where those young men waded right into the battle, thinking of the steps they took, coming out of the water soaking wet, cold, trying to dodge the bullets,” recalled Agnes Moore. “It was very humbling.”

They participated in the official ceremonies at the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, a tribute at the Signal Monument on Omaha Beach, and rode in the lead car of big parade. Rosie docent Tammy Brumley supported the trip throughout. Thanks to everyone who helped raise money to make the trip happen.

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Richard Sayers: In honor ofUrsula Durn

Rosie’s Girls Learn New Skills

In June, a new group of middle school girls and former camper-mentors signed on for a learning-packed summer camp aimed at teaching the skills of their foremothers, who worked at WWII home front industry sites across the U.S. To set the stage, campers visited the national park to understand the challenges the U.S. faced, and how ordinary citizens stepped up to new roles and work opportunities. They explored the Visitor Center, took part in team activities with rangers, and toured the Red Oak Victory ship to see what women’s efforts had accomplished.

Next, they dove into learning how to weld and build woodworking projects, taught by skilled instructors. By the second week, they were designing, learning equipment and safety practices, and gaining new mastery. Welding took place in the state-of-the-art shop at Kennedy High. Carpenter

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

During and after the government shut-down in 2013, Betty Reid Soskin, the nation’s oldest national park ranger, became a sought-after national figure. Suddenly, everyone—from Anderson Cooper to Arsenio Hall—wanted to interview her. Betty’s legendary skill in articulating an authentic African American experience, from WWII to the present, resonated loudly across the U.S., ultimately landing her an unusual cover on Glamour magazine last year.

This fall, after nearly five years of collaboration with Digital Story Company, and support from so many of you, the Trust is releasing the long-awaited documentary film about Betty, No Time to Waste. This 50-minute portrait of an iron-willed American woman, who became a park ranger at age 85, captures the urgency of Betty’s quest to build a more perfect union. The Trust also owns a complete film version of Betty’s weekly interpretive program to be presented periodically in our national park Visitor Centers. Screenings are being scheduled from September through January. Don’t miss this important new film! Go to rosietheriveter.org for details.

— Marsha Mather-Thrift

New Online Exhibits Feature WWII Home Front Artifacts

E d and Saryl Von der Porten spent decades building a collection of Home Front memorabilia that includes books, war bond and ration materials, toys, models and model kits, newspapers and magazines, household and decorative items, posters, and military souvenirs. Their passion and appreciation resulted in an incredible collection of nearly 2000 artifacts that can now be shared with the public. The generosity of Rosie the Riveter Trust enabled the Trust to purchase the collection for the park museum in 2014 through a multi-year agreement (payments are still in progress and donations welcome).

Over the past five years, National Park Service museum staff have worked to rehouse and catalog the collection with the help of then-graduate student Shauna Mundt. Drawn to the uniqueness and diversity of the Von der Porten collection, Shauna decided to research the collection as part of her Master’s Degree in Applied Anthropology and additionally created two online exhibits through a collaboration of the National Park Service and the Google Arts and Culture forum. The online exhibits allow highlights of the collection to be easily enjoyed from anywhere.

The Home Front Households: The Playroom online exhibit examines how during WWII, images of war permeated almost every aspect of children’s lives, from toys, puzzles, comic books, and cartoons, to film and radio. By playing with a toy that reflected the war effort, children participated in something that otherwise would have excluded them, therefore claiming a valid place in the country’s collective identity as patriots.

America’s participation in the war produced substantial transformations to gender roles, as the war created a need for women to step out of their kitchens and into the work force. The objects featured in the Home Front Households: Patriotism, Women and Domesticity online exhibit showcase how patriotism manifested in the home through everyday items, with an emphasis on the role of women as domestic soldiers on the American home front.

Enjoy these fascinating online exhibits by visiting artsandculture.google.com and searching for Rosie the Riveter. To learn more about the Rosie the Riveter/ WWII Home Front NHP museum collection, please visit nps.gov/rori.

— Isabel Ziegler, Acting Chief of Resource Management and Planning (Supervisory Museum Curator), Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

Worth Considering: Gifts from Retirement Assets

"My involvement with the Trust is fueled by a desire that young people be in the park, that we expand the scholarships for the summer camp and for school groups to come to the park," said Trust supporter and Finance Committee member Alide Chase, who recently made a contribution from her IRA to Rosie the Riveter Trust. This giving option enables donors over 70 1/2 years old to make contributions from an IRA instead of receiving the funds as income – and likely owing tax as a result. "Making a gift this way works well for the Trust because they get to apply the full amount to their programs, and it works well for me, too, because I fulfilled my required minimum distribution without incurring income tax on the distribution. Plus, it was easy to set up, and in the future, I can just call up the plan administrator and do all of my annual gifts with one phone call."
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Saturdays

“Of Lost Conversations”*

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Home Front story.

“Exclusion During W.W.W.”

“Time Out! Sports During World War II”

“Tune in Tomorrow! A Wartime Radio Day”

“Lonely and Far from Home: The USO During World War II”

“Toward the Rainbow”

WEDNESDAYS

Wartime Romance: W.W.W.’s Influence on Dating and Marriage

2012 @ 2:00 pm

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