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We hope you had . . . A Happy and Thankful Thanksgiving!

Each day, with its blessings, is a present from God.
That's why it's called the Present!



Wise men still seek Him!

We hope you will have . . . A Meaningful and Merry Christmas!

Until one finds the Spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas.
It's the warmth that comes to the hearts of men
When the Christmas Spirit returns again.



*A New Year -
A New Beginning*

We hope you will have . . . A Happy New Year all year long!

May we arrange our minds in 2012 to love life and serve others.
We have a choice, you know!
Don't count the days . . . Make the days count!

Are You Listed as an Honoree in the World War II Memorial?

Did you know that Rosies are listed, along with veterans, in the World War II Memorial at Washington, D. C.? If you (or your Rosie, or your veteran) aren't listed there, you can be and *should* be. You may submit your information via your computer by using the application on their Web site at <http://www.wwiimemorial.com>, by using the form on the ARRA Website at www.rosietheriveter.net, or by contacting Fran Carter, (205) 822-4106; fran.carter@juno.com. Fran will send you a form you can fill out and mail in. Be sure to give her your name and postal address.

The listing is free, but if you include \$15, they will include your photograph with the listing and will send you a very attractive certificate suitable for framing and containing all the information in the listing.



On Finding Rosies and Rosebuds

***They are out there—
we just need to find them!***

In an effort to locate Rosies, I decided to try the media, and I found that a short article in the smaller “hometown” newspapers is an effective way. Sometimes they are more willing to publish articles than are the larger papers.

From one small newspaper in Alabama, I received calls from women who had been riveters, welders, machinists, had made ammunition, and worked on the assembly line in places like Lockheed, Consolidated, Wainwright shipyard, and Naval Air Stations in places from Mobile, Alabama to Ypsilanti, Michigan. None of these women had ever heard of ARRA. An article from you in a small, hometown newspaper near you might get similar results.

We have potential members everywhere We all know *someone* who is eligible but is not a member. So, ladies, it is up to us to reach them. If you know a potential member, Rosie or Rosebud, let me know and I’ll get the information to them.

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Mark Your Calendar For Convention

A Very Important Date!



- Who?** Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, Partners, and Guests
What? American Rosie the Riveter Association Annual Convention/Reunion
When? June 8—10, 2012
Where? In Phoenix, Arizona at the Hilton Phoenix Airport Hotel
Why? To attend the 14th annual Convention, and To revitalize *your* life and *ARRA’s* life, too!

The hotel room rate will be \$69.00 (\$78.15 inclusive of all taxes) for 1-4 persons, so bring the whole family!

Watch for more details in the next issue of the *Mail Call*, 1st quarter of 2012.

Oops! An Apology is Due!

Marjorie Hobbs—not Maxine Hobbs—is the author of “Ode to the Foreman,” a poem that was printed in the last issue of *Rosie’s Mail Call*. Marjorie wrote the poem in 1942 while working at the Consolidated Aircrafts Corporation in Fort Worth, Texas. The staff of the *Mail Call* regret the error and are happy to make this correction.

Chapter Updates

Two chapters have reported electing new officers for the coming year:

Sun City, Arizona Chapter

Frances Ellis, President
Arlene Crary, Vice President
Wilma Rees, Secretary
Florence Carter, Treasurer

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Chapter

Terry S. Thompson, President
Jenny L. Thompson, Vice President
(Secretary and Treasurer names are forthcoming)



Some of the Birmingham Chapter members in the Birmingham Veterans Day Parade.

The **Birmingham, Alabama Chapter** recently participated in Birmingham’s annual Veterans Day Parade, with 4 vehicles and 15 Rosies, Rosebuds, and Rivets. As “The Boogie Woo-

gie Bugle Boy of Company B” blared forth from a mobile sound system and the vehicles sported signs that read “We Supported the Troops” and “Working Women of World War II” and, of course, “We Can (Still!) Do It!” the ARRA delegation paid quite a tribute to veterans and Rosies.

The **Baker’s Dozen Chapter of Phenix City, Alabama/Columbus, Georgia** planned a December “Holiday Social” for members and guests, held at Fort Benning. The program included entertainment by Rosies, Rosebuds, veterans and others, a dramatic presentation of Rosie the Riveter, and a tour of the World War II Street at the National Infantry Museum.

Let’s hear from other chapters! Send news to Fran Carter, 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209; email fran.carter@juno.com. The deadlines are January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1. And if you aren’t near a local chapter of ARRA, YOU could start one! Contact our Vice President for Expansion, Mandy Cooley, 8456 E. Montebello Avenue, Scottsdale, AZ 85250; azcooley@cox.net.

Some Rosies I Never Knew

By Rivet John Carter



Sgt. John Carter
in 1945

During the War, I had a paratrooper buddy in Europe named Claude whose girlfriend had a job stuffing the goodies into K-ration boxes. (K-rations consisted of food items in a box the size of a Cracker Jacks box that we could carry in our pocket and eat, no matter where we were.) She could sometimes write notes and sneak them into the boxes. Claude kept hoping to get one of the notes—and so did we. We never did find a note, but we did appreciate Claude's Rosie for helping to provide us with K-rations.

Another Rosie that we've learned about got a job when she was 15 years old cracking eggs all day long. (I'll bet another Rosie took care of the chickens that laid the eggs.) Anyway, these eggs were dried into a powder and shipped to military units overseas, where they were reconstituted and scrambled. We appreciate these Rosies' work, too; but I must say those eggs were terrible!

In 1944, I was with a paratrooper unit deployed in the mountains along the French-Italian border, and I'm sure some Rosies must have been involved in providing us with a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. Along with our allotment of C-rations that morning (they're different from K-rations), there was a frozen turkey. It seems that General Eisenhower had decreed that all the troops under his command should have turkey for Thanksgiving. The trouble was, none of us knew what to do with it, but I was the one that got stuck trying.

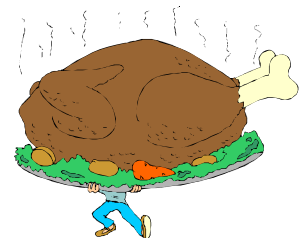
We found a farm family that agreed to let us use their kitchen, and then they left. Their kitchen stove

didn't have an oven. If you ever need to cook a Thanksgiving turkey under those conditions, here's how:

Tell the 'troopers to come back about 2 o'clock for dinner, but in the meantime bring you anything else they can scrounge to go with the turkey. They will bring potatoes, apples, eggs and assorted cans of C-rations: corn, pork and beans, spaghetti, etc.

Build a fire in stove. Put water from the well into a small tub and put turkey on to boil. After two hours take turkey out and use bayonet to cut into smaller pieces so it will cook faster. That's when you will discover the package of giblets that had been packed inside him. Put everything back into tub. If you can find any salt and pepper, add it. Slice potatoes and apples and add them to tub with turkey. Crack eggs and put in tub. Then open C-ration cans and empty into tub (doesn't matter what is in them). Keep adding water as needed.

When 'troopers start coming in at 2 o'clock tell them it's not ready yet, but if they have to go back to duty they can use bayonet to cut off any meat that is done and fish around for anything else they want. At 3:30 you can see if anything is left for you.



I had planned for us all to pause and have a Thanksgiving prayer before we ate, but it didn't work out that way. I hope God will forgive us. And General Eisenhower should have been proud of us for obeying his orders and eating turkey for Thanksgiving.

But we surely wished he had sent a Rosie along to cook the thing!



Order Now for Holiday Gift-giving!



Check out our Rosie Shoppe Order Form on page 5 to find dozens of Rosie items plus special pricing on the four books that ARRA has published containing stories by actual Rosies. One is even a Rosie cookbook that also contains stories! Everyone appreciates a good book, and these are great! Some Rosie items are now on Clearance, and the discounted prices are valid as long as quantities last. Remember, all prices include shipping. Order early for the holidays!



Send In Your Story!

You may know that ARRA is publishing another book of Rosie stories—our fifth book—and we need *your* story! Our story books are not only entertaining, they are also valuable ways to preserve important history. The four books that we have published to date are in homes and libraries across the country, as well as the National Archives in Washington, D. C. (Order your own copies on page 5!) Along with your story, please complete and send the following checklist. Put an X in each block to indicate that you have complied with each requirement. *Send this sheet with your story. We cannot accept your story for publication until we have the completed checklist.*

Checklist for Submitting Story



1. Title of story: _____
2. Author of story: _____
3. Name of Rosie who is featured in the story:
- Her name then _____
- Her name now _____
4. If the author is not the Rosie, give relationship of the author to the Rosie: _____
5. Is the Rosie a member of ARRA? _____ yes _____ no
Is the author a member of ARRA? _____ yes _____ no
6. How many pictures are you sending with the story? _____ one _____ two
If you are sending two pictures, one should be of the Rosie “then,” the other of the Rosie “now.” Pictures may be any size but must be clear copies, not Xeroxed. Photos will be kept in the ARRA Archives and will not be returned, so please do not send your original.
7. How long is your story (number of words)? _____ words
Stories must be between 400 and 475 words. A word is anything surrounded by white space. If your story is too long or too short to fit attractively in the allotted space, the editor may have to condense or expand it or send it back to you to adjust the length.
8. Is your story typed and double-spaced between lines? _____ yes _____ no
9. Address of the author: _____
- Telephone: _____ Email: _____
This information will not be given in the book, and will only be used if we need to communicate with you. The city and state of the Rosie will be given. If different from the author, write the Rosie’s city and state here:

10. Your signature is required: I give ARRA permission to copyright and publish this story in a book of Rosie the Riveter stories.

(signature of author)

Send this form with your story by Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2012 to: Mrs. Lucy Lewis, ARRA Librarian, 1900 Napoleon Court, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243.

THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form



Check out our sale items!! Discount prices valid through December, 2011—while quantities last!

| <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Item (circle size or type where applicable)</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| | Rosie poster, 20" x 28" | \$18.00 | |
| | Rosie stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5) | \$3.00 | |
| | Rosie picture post cards, 4" x 6" | \$1.00 | |
| | Rosie note cards with envelopes (package of 10) | \$12.00 | |
| | Rosie afghan/wall hanging, all cotton, 48" x 58" | \$65.00 | |
| | Rosie tote bag, sturdy cotton, 18" x 19" x 4½" - large | \$18.00 | |
| | Rosie tote bag, sturdy cotton, 14" x 14" x 3" - small | \$16.00 | |
| | Tote bag, sturdy cotton - Uncle Sam OR Soldiers Without Guns (specify) \$12.00 | -\$16.00 | |
| | *NEW* "ARRA Tote Bag—blue canvas | \$12.00 | |
| | Rosie T-shirt (circle size) S M L XL | \$18.00 | |
| | Rosie T-shirt XXL | \$21.00 | |
| | Rosie sweatshirt (circle size) S L XL (while quantities last) \$19.00 | -\$27.00 | |
| | Rosie sweatshirt XXL (while quantities last) \$20.00 | -\$29.50 | |
| | Rosie night shirt (one size fits all) | \$24.00 | |
| | Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36") | \$10.00 | |
| | Rosie scarf for blouse (45" – ring not included) | \$10.00 | |
| | Rosie collectible doll | \$20.00 | |
| | Rosie tin sign, 16" x 12" | \$25.00 | |
| | Rosie counted cross stitch kit (makes picture 7½" x 10") frame not included | \$17.00 | |
| | Rosie counted cross stitch book mark kit (makes bookmark 3¼" x 11") \$7.00 | -\$8.00 | |
| | Rosie luggage tag, 4" x 2½" \$5.00 | -\$6.00 | |
| | Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½" | \$7.00 | |
| | Rosie key chain (circle size) large-3" x 1¼" OR small-1¼" x 1 3/8" | \$6.50 | |
| | Rosie metal snack box, 7¼" x 5" x 3" | \$15.00 | |
| | Rosie water bottle \$14.00 | -\$16.00 | |
| | Rosie coasters (set of 4), 4" x 4" | \$10.00 | |
| | Rosie night light, includes bulb | \$4.00 | |
| | Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2¼" x 3¼" | \$6.00 | |
| | Rosie stamp pin, 1 5/8" x 1 3/8" (circle type) bar clasp or tie tack clasp | \$5.00 | |
| | Rosie button, metal, 3" diameter | \$3.00 | |
| | *NEW* Rosie I. D. "Dog Tag" | \$8.00 | |
| | *NEW* Rosie the Riveter Puzzle | \$10.00 | |
| | Book: 103 Rosie the Riveter Stories | \$17.00 | |
| | Book: 104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories | \$17.00 | |
| | Book: Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook | \$20.00 | |
| | Book: Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories | \$17.00 | |
| | SPECIAL - Set of 4 books (1 of each) | \$68.00 | |
| | SPECIAL - Set of 3 story books (1 each of 103, 104 More, & Romances) | \$48.00 | |
| | SPECIAL - Set of any 2 story books plus Celebration Cookbook | \$50.00 | |

TOTAL

Unless otherwise indicated, all products feature the classic "We Can Do It" design used in WW II.
 Enclose check or money order made payable to ARRA. **Prices include shipping. Minimum order \$20.00.**
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Calling All Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, Partners!



Who may join ARRA?

Rosie: Any woman who worked for pay in a war-related industry or agency, such as shipyard, aircraft factory, armory, munitions plant, War Department, ration board, etc., or in any job that was usually held by a man, thus releasing a man for military duty. Examples are: service station operator, police officer, taxi or bus driver, farming, construction worker, etc. Work usually done by a woman, not related to the War, does not count.

Rosie Volunteer: Any woman who worked as a volunteer on a sustained basis in a war-related activity, such as entertaining the troops, collecting critical materials, growing a victory garden, rolling bandages, looking for enemy planes, participating in USO, Red Cross, or fund raising activities, etc.

Rosebud: Female descendant of a Rosie or Rosie Volunteer (daughter, granddaughter, etc.)

Auxiliary member (Rivet): Male descendant, or spouse of a Rosie, Rosie Volunteer, or Rosebud.

21st Century Rosie: A woman who currently works or has retired in a job that prior to WW II was considered "man's work." Examples: plumber, machinist, police officer, politician, pilot.

Rosebud Partners or Rivet Partners: People of either gender who may not be able to establish eligibility through their ancestors may join by pledging support for ARRA's purposes.

Note: Rosebuds and Rivets are eligible to join ARRA regardless of whether their Rosie is living or dead, and regardless of whether she had joined ARRA or not. Many Rosebuds/Rivets join for their deceased Rosie. Everyone gets an attractive certificate and a subscription to *Rosie's Mail Call* newsletter.

Rosies, Rosie Volunteers, and Rosebuds may vote and hold elective national office. All members may hold appointive national office and may vote and hold elective office in local chapters.

Use the form on page 7 to join for yourself or for family members!



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Membership Update

If you have moved or if you know a member who is deceased, will you please give us the information? Please print carefully in CAPITAL letters.

Name of member _____

New address _____

Old address _____

Current E-mail _____

Current telephone _____

OR

Deceased member's name _____

State of last residence _____ Date of death _____

Send ALL information to: Mrs. Jo Thomas, Database Administrator, 1975 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124.
Email: cahabathomas@gmail.com

Note: In most cases, only one copy of the *Mail Call* is being sent to each household, so **we hope you'll let everyone read it before you file it away.** If you get more than one copy, how about sending one to a friend, especially a prospective member?

We're Looking for Email Addresses! If you use email, please take a minute to send us your email address so we can correspond with you between newsletters. Please send a quick email to Jo Thomas at cahabathomas@gmail.com.

Update on Benefit for Veterans and Widows



Congratulations! *Somebody* is reading the *Mail Call*! In our last issue, we published an article about a little-known benefit, known as the **Aid and Attendance Benefit**, that is available to veterans *and their widows* who are in need of home care or institutional care. We offered to send further information to anyone who is interested, and to date 22 readers have responded and asked for the information. If you missed the article, and someone you know might be in need of this care (up to \$1,940 per month), look on page 8 of the last issue of the *Mail Call* or contact Fran Carter at (205) 822-4106 or fran.carter@juno.com for more information.

There are some restrictions on eligibility, but a knowledgeable attorney or someone in a Veterans organization might guide you through them. We have been assured that this is not welfare, but a benefit that the veteran has earned, yet only one veteran in seven knows about it.

And by the way, if you do apply, and if you do learn anything in the process that could help another interested veteran or his widow, we'd love to hear from you.

PBS Seeking Info About Rosies

Recently, ARRA was contacted by a staff person from the Public Broadcasting Service television series called *History Detectives*. This series focus on artifacts submitted by viewers that reveal compelling, but often little-known information about American history. Producers are looking for information about women who worked at the Vega Aircraft Corporation at the Lockheed Air Terminal in Burbank (later known as Lockheed Plant A) during 1942-43., and would especially like to talk to anyone who worked with a Rosie named Dora Riley.

If you or someone you know worked at this location during the war, please contact Rachel Ross, Associate Producer, Lion TV, *History Detectives* on PBS, at (917) 606-3860, or email Rachel.Ross@liontv.us.

