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Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the End of WW I I



Rosies, where were *you* when you heard about the end of the war? Here's what some Rosies said!

When WWII ended, I was working for the War Department in the Pentagon Building. My roommate and I took the trolley to the White House where the celebration was underway. The service men were kissing all the girls and throwing their hats into the air. President Truman came out with a loud speaker to speak to the crowd but due to the noise, we could not hear him. A young Marine was sitting on the curb where the newspapers had just been stacked, and he handed me a paper. The headline was "Truman announces 'War is Over.'" I still have this paper. --**Rosie Mabel, AL**

I was working in a beauty shop in Detroit, MI at the time I heard the war was over. A group of women went to downtown Detroit. Everyone was going wild celebrating, cheering, hugging and kissing in the streets. ---**Rosie Helmi, FL**

There was an announcement over the loud speakers at Republic Aviation in Evansville, IN, that the war had ended! Everyone jumped up and hollered - it was pretty wild. Everyone was running up and down the aislesways of the huge factory, hugging each other and yelling, thousands of people. We all stayed and finished work that day, but if I remember correctly, most people were told their job was done. I stayed on for a while to help finish the P-47 Thunderbolts that were already started. --**Rosie Dorothy, CA**

Living in Ypsilanti, MI, we heard over the radio that the war was over. We joined fellow Willow Run Bomber Plant workers in celebrating in the streets; some were laughing and some were crying, but all were happy it was over. --**Rosie Earline, GA**

My fellow workers and I went to church thanking the Lord for the victory of our United States of America. --**Rosie Caroline, AZ**

What sticks out most in my mind is being able to quit my job at Boeing in Washington state and go back home to my parents. I remember the joy that my sister Rose's husband came home safe from the war. --**Rosie Florence, OR**

I think I was at work on the line in Maryland, and when the word came, I could only have the deepest compassion for those who did not make it home and their families. I did not celebrate. --**Rosie Rena, MD**

I was in the Stratford town green, and it was late morning. Someone shouted, "The war is over!" And everyone started kissing and hugging and running around. Churches were so filled that day with people giving thanks that the war was over. --**Rosie Nancy, CT**

My sister and I worked in Los Angeles, and heard the news on the radio. We decided to go downtown and celebrate with everyone else. We only went part-way, because it was too crazy on the streets for two teen-age girls! --**Rosie Dorothy, OR**

My Navy officer husband was serving in the Pacific, and I was living in Iowa with my parents helping with farm work. We heard on the radio that the war was over!!! This great news gave me hope that my high school sweetheart would be returning soon. It wasn't until Christmas Day he came home --**Rosie Louise, IA**

When the war ended my sister and I were laid off from Ryan Aeronautical in California, but we understood why. We were happy the war was over and that veterans who were returning home could find jobs. I am very proud of the certificate I have, signed by Mr. Ryan himself. It commends me for my "essential war work" and "loyal faithful service." --**Rosie Elinor, NV**

When we heard that the war had ended, everybody in Denver just went crazy! The streets were packed with people celebrating. Everybody was kissing everybody. A whole crowd of guys even picked up a streetcar and took it off the tracks! --**Rosie Alice, OR**

I was at home in Detroit, MI with my mother and two sisters. We had the radio on in the dining room, and we heard the news that the war was over! We all held hands and said a prayer, led by my mother. We were full of mixed emotions, so happy the war was over, but also still grieving the loss of my brother, Sam, who died in the war. Then we went outside, and all the neighbors were outside cheering and thanking God that it was over. We joined in. I don't remember going back to work at the Willow Run Bomber Plant after hearing the news. --**Rosie Frances, MI**



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Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops



Anyone of any age can write letters to deployed and newly recruited service members in the Armed Forces! Help ARRA send 7,500 letters for the 75th anniversary of the end of the war! This year's project has already received about 1,000 letters, which is fantastic, but we have a way to go!

Use any kind of notecards or paper, but don't place letters in envelopes. Start with a greeting like "Dear American Hero" and tell a little about yourself or what you love about America. Rosies, tell what you did during the war. Avoid politics completely and religion in excess, but it is fine to say you are praying for them. *Above all, thank them for their service!* Children may write letters or draw pictures for the troops, too, but should only include their first names. Put all your letters in an envelope and mail to Project Coordinator, Rosebud **Linda Wallace** at:

Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops!

c/o Linda Wallace
P. O. Box 124
Cobalt, CT 06414

Ring a Bell for Rosies 2020

One of ARRA's partner organizations called Thanks, Plain and Simple (TPS), a non-profit based in WV, has announced their plans for this year's "Ring a Bell for Rosies."

On September 3 (Thursday before Labor Day) or on September 7 (Labor Day), at 1:00 p.m. in your time zone, you can ring a bell, large or small, in honor of Rosies and the work they did during WW II. Even if you are unable to have a gathering for a bell-ringing, consider ringing with your family, or at your workplace, or even virtually. Take a photo, selfie, or video if you can, and send it to TPS at [#Rosiesandyou](https://twitter.com/Rosiesandyou). ARRA would love to share your photos too, so send them to ARRA Editor, Rosebud **Nell Branum** at nellbran@yahoo.com. For more information, visit the TPS website at thanksplainandsimple.org.



AZ Airplane Wing Heads to VA



Recently, a WW II-era aircraft wing was made by airplane enthusiast, **Dave Fulcher**, and gifted to Sun City Rosie, **Caroline Kilgore**. Rosebud **Dana Stone** provided graphics and collected signatures of over 20 Sun City Rosies on the wing. Caroline donated the wing to

the Americans in Wartime Museum in VA. She is pictured here with **Jim Bush** of the museum. The legacy continues!

Student Grant Winner



We are pleased to announce that Rosebud **Megan P.** of TX has been awarded a 2020 ARRA Student Grant! Recent shutdowns have hindered Megan from carrying out all of her plans for Rosie presentations, but she is working with teachers and her grandmother, TX State Director **Carol Peters**, to make new plans. Congratulations, Megan!



ARRA Honored for Making Masks

The U. S. Army awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to ARRA for our efforts through our "We Can Sew It!" project to make masks and donate them to service members at the 264th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Fort Bragg, NC this spring. Certificates were also issued to ARRA's Eastern Michigan (WOW) Chapter, Stratford, CT (Corsair) Chapter, and NC State Director, Rosebud **Elizabeth Johnston**. Many thanks to Elizabeth (pictured above with First Lt. **John Johnston**) for coordinating the mask collection and distribution.

Welcome, New ARRA Chapters!

ARRA is pleased to recognize three new Chapters that almost span from corner to corner to corner of the country! It only takes four ARRA members and some enthusiasm to start a new Chapter in your town! Contact ARRA's VP Expansion, Rosebud **Debi Wynn** at baltimorerosies@aol.com. And welcome to these:



Redwood Empire, California Chapter

President **Nancy Sandborn**, telephone (707) 823-9536, email 104nan@gmail.com; Vice President **Diane Heilesen**; Secretary **Mariah Sandborn**; Treasurer **Frank Heilesen**

Jackson, Mississippi Chapter

President **Casey Holcombe**, telephone (830) 499-1893, email rosievbynum@gmail.com; Vice President **Lela White**, Secretary **Faye Holcombe**, Treasurer **Tony Morgan**

Village at Bellows Falls, Vermont Chapter

President **M. Ellen Jones**, telephone (802) 387-2319; Vice President **Suzanne Barrow**; Secretary **Gail Hynes**; Treasurer **Doreen Aldrich**

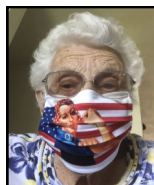
For Independence Day

On July 4, Rosie **Jane Tucker** of ARRA's Rome, GA Chapter, shared her story at a small Independence Day Celebration and Citizens Parade in Rome that focused on veterans and honored America. Thanks for sharing, Jane!



Spotting Iconic Rosies

Several people have sent us renderings of the iconic Rosie wearing a face mask, but here's a twist—Rosie **Louise Unkrich** (IA) wearing iconic Rosie on *her* mask! You're rockin' it, Louise!



Happy 100th Birthday!

Rosie **Mary Fierros** (CA) celebrated her 100th birthday on April 20, waving from her driveway as family members and representatives from her town's police, firefighters, and City Council drove by to wish her well. ARRA's CA State Director, **Karen Carter**, orchestrated a second parade with WW II-era vehicles and more. Happy Birthday, Mary!



It's Not Too Late to Send In Your Story—But Soon It Will Be!

The deadline has been extended to September 15, 2020!

ARRA is publishing Book #7

Send In Your Story!

ARRA is collecting stories to publish another book—Book #7—and we need your story! Our story books are not only entertaining, they are also of historic value and need to be preserved. The books we have published to date are in homes and libraries across the country, as well as the National Archives in Washington, D.C. 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 everything on the checklist.** Thanks for sharing your Rosie legacy!

Checklist for Submitting Story—Deadline is September 15, 2020

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 (if not please join—living and deceased Rosies)
Is the author a member of ARRA? ____yes (if not, please join)
Is Rosie living? Yes / No (circle answer)
Rosies (and authors, if different) must be members of ARRA. If not, join today at rosietheriveter.net
6. How many pictures are you sending with the story? One / Two (circle answer)
If you are sending two pictures, one can be of the Rosie “then”, the other of the Rosie “now”.
Pictures may be any size but must be sharp, 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 it or send it back to you to adjust the length.
8. Is your story typed and double-spaced between lines? ____ yes
9. Address of author: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____
*This information will not be published in the book and will only be used if we need to communicate with you.
Rosie's city and state WILL be published. Write the Rosie's city & state here: _____*
10. Your signature required: I give ARRA permission to copyright and publish this story in a book of Rosie the Riveter stories and on the ARRA website: _____
signature of author _____ date _____
signature of Rosie (if living and not the author) _____ date _____

MAIL this form with your story and photos (not originals) to:
American Rosie the Riveter Association
c/o ARRA Book Committee
P.O. Box 241
Greens Farms, CT 06838

OR EMAIL
this form scanned **and** your story **and** jpeg file photos
to the ARRA Book Committee, email:
BiographiesARRA@gmail.com

Deadline is September 15, 2020 !

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Dear ARRA Members,
How well I remember the day I heard that WWII was over! I had worked as a riveter, and was taking classes at Mississippi Southern College (now University of Southern Mississippi). I was standing in the dining hall when someone came in and said that the war was over. We didn't believe him at first! It was too good to be true. Then everyone was shouting and hugging and crying. It was a great day! We were proud to have had a part in winning the war.

Now, 75 years later, freedom is still precious and we must never take it for granted. We thank our military for their service and protection! You can thank them, too, by writing letters through our "Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops" project (see p. 2). We can STILL do it!

- **Dr. Fran Carter (Rosie, AL)**
Founder and Executive Director

ARRA Has You Covered!



Our new ARRA Logo Face Mask is a 2-ply mask with ear loops, made from 65% polyester and 35% cotton fabric. The ARRA logo is imprinted on one side. It is available in three colors: navy, red, and black.

Coming soon! Our Rosie Polka Dot Face Mask is 2-ply 100% cotton, with a metal nose bridge and adjustable ear loops. Both masks are washable and reusable. Find them on the order form on page 5, or order online at rosietheriveter.net.

And while they last, order your Limited Edition ARRA T-shirt, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of WW II! Post your photo wearing your shirt on ARRA's Facebook page, like ARRA National President **Gretchen Caulfield** (left)! The tee features Rosie and a "V" for Victory. It is available in several colors, plus hoodies and sweat-shirts. Order yours now at <https://teespring.com/rosie-commemorates-the-end-of>.



And don't forget that our new ARRA Insignia Pin and other ARRA insignia jewelry items are available through Hamilton Insignia. Order online at <https://www.hamiltoninsignia.com/categories/American-Rosie-The-Riveter-Association/> or call (800) 786-5890. Note: ARRA membership is required for all purchases made through Hamilton.



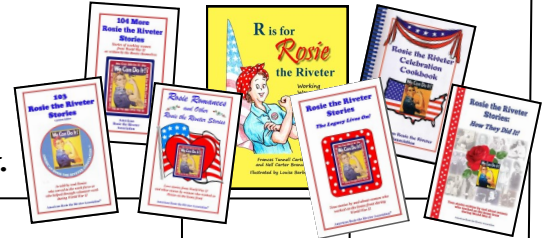
A Special Visit

Rosie **Pat Golson** received a creative Easter visit from her three Rosebud daughters, **Judy Williams, Mary McBeth, and Debra Marcer** (all of ARRA's Central TX Chapter), outside the window at her senior center. The

San Marcos Daily Record put it on their front page. Perfect!

THE ROSIE BOOK SHOPPE Order Form
(Add this order to the Rosie Shoppe Order Form on page 5.)

Check out these books by our amazing Rosies—and note the special pricing for sets, and for school & public libraries! Prices include shipping.



<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Book: 103 <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: 104 <i>More Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Cookbook: <i>Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook</i>	\$20.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: How They Did It!</i>	\$17.00	
	Picture Book: <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (hardback)	\$20.00	
	Picture Book: <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (paperback)	\$15.00	
	Set of 6 books (1 each: 103, 104 More, Romances, Legacy, How They Did It, Cookbook)	\$98.00	
	Set of 5 story books (1 each: 103, 104 More, Romances, Legacy, & How They Did It)	\$80.00	
	Any 1 story book shipped directly to a library	\$12.00	
	- Circle which book: 103 104 More Romances Legacy How They Did It		
	Celebration Cookbook shipped directly to a library	\$15.00	
	Hardback <i>R is for Rosie</i> sent directly to a library, or several to one ARRA Chapter	\$18.00 ea	
	Paperback <i>R is for Rosie</i> sent directly to a library, or several to one ARRA Chapter	\$13.00 ea	

Name/Address of library (obtain librarian's permission first, to ensure that books are kept) or ARRA Chapter:

Sub-total page 4: _____
(Complete order form on page 5)



THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form



Show your Rosie spirit every day!

We are your destination for everything Rosie!

View these products at www.rosietheriveter.net/rosie-shoppe. Prices include shipping!

Quantity	Item (circle size or type where applicable)	Amount	Total
	Rosie Poster, 20" x 28"	\$20.00	
	Rosie Stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5)	\$4.00	
	Rosie Picture Post Card, 4" x 6"	\$1.00	
	Rosie Note Cards with envelopes (package of 10)	\$12.00	
	Rosie Tote Bag, sturdy cotton, 10.5" x 14" x 4"	\$20.00	
	Rosie T-Shirt Classic—white shirt with classic "We Can Do It" front Circle: S M L XL	\$20.00	
	Rosie T-Shirt w/ white "We Can Do It" Circle: Navy Heather or Red Heather *S M L XL	\$17.00	
	ARRA T-shirt w/ ARRA's 20 th Anniversary Logo Circle: S M L XL	\$8.00	
	NEW! - Rosie T-shirt w/color "We Can Do It" Circle: Daisy Yellow or Sport Gray *S M L XL	\$17.00	
	NEW! - Rosie Apron, yellow with blue trim, Rosie image in center, neck & waist straps	\$15.00	
	NEW! - Rosie Pot Holder, 8" x 8" yellow w/ blue trim, Rosie image in center, silver back	\$8.00	
	Rosie Head Scarf, triangular shape, long end = 36"	\$12.00	
	Rosie Rectangle Scarf, 3" by 36"	\$8.00	
	Rosie Hair Bow, red w/ white polka dots, 4" grosgrain ribbon, lined alligator clip	\$7.00	
	Rosie Headband, red w/ white polka dots, soft stretchy cotton Circle: Adult or Child	\$6.00	
	NEW! - Rosie the Riveter Doll, plush, 11" with posable arms	\$20.00	
	Rosie Socks (size 9-11, women's shoe size 6-10) Circle: Yellow or Black	\$10.00	
	NEW! - Rosie Women's Cat Socks, "We Can Mew It" Circle: Berry or Yellow	\$10.00	
	NEW! - Rosie Pill Case, "You Can Do It with medication" 2" diameter, 2 compartments	\$14.00	
	Rosie Nightlight, 4" x 3" Tuftop tempered glass	\$18.00	
	NEW! - ARRA Logo Face Mask, 2-ply, ear loops Circle: Navy or Red or Black	\$12.00	
	NEW! - Rosie Polka Dot Face Mask, 2 ply cotton, metal nose bridge, adjustable ear loops	\$12.00	
	Rosie Metal Snack Box, 7¼" x 6¾"	\$25.00	
	Rosie Cutting Board, 11½" x 15½" Tuftop tempered glass	\$37.00	
	Rosie Trivet, 6" x 6" Tuftop tempered glass	\$15.00	
	Rosie Coasters, 4" x 4" Tuftop tempered glass, set of 4	\$24.00	
	Rosie Tin Sign, 16" x 12"	\$25.00	
	Rosie Refrigerator Magnet, 2¼" x 3¼"	\$6.00	
	Rosie Chunky Wooden Cutout Refrigerator Magnet, 4" x 3½"	\$8.00	
	Rosie Reversible Ribbon Badge (reverse side is black for memorials)	\$20.00	
	Rosie Ceramic Ornament	\$13.00	
	Rosie Pewter Ornament	\$17.00	
	Rosie Stamp Pin, 1⅝" x 1⅜"	\$5.00	
	Rosie Button, 3" diameter, metal	\$3.00	
	Rosie I. D. "Dog Tag"	\$8.00	
	Rosie the Riveter Puzzle, 1,000 pieces, finished size 27" x 20"	\$25.00	
	Rosie Bronze Grave Medallion, 2" diameter, includes priority shipping, please check with your cemetery	\$65.00	
	Rosie Sun Catcher, 4" diameter, Tuftop tempered glass, includes suction cup	\$15.00	

(To order books by our amazing Rosies, see page 4. One combined check can be written for orders on pages 4 and 5.)

* Larger sizes available in these two shirts: write in 2X for \$19.00; 3X for \$20.00

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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!**

Send to ARRA Rosie Shoppe, 950 Irving Street, Vandergrift, PA 15690.

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

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E-mail _____



In Loving Memory



Usually, ARRA members and guests attending our annual Conventions conduct a “Never Forgotten” Memorial Service, honoring Rosies and other members who have passed away since the last Convention. Though we were not able to hold our Convention nor that service this year, we list here the names of those we have recently lost, as we celebrate their lives and service.

Members who expire are retained permanently in a special category of the ARRA membership roster. Family members are asked to notify ARRA of the death of any member by using the update form found in each issue of the *Mail Call* (see page 8).

Below are ARRA members whose families notified us of their deaths, June 2019 through May 2020. The list also includes Rosies who were deceased at the time their family members registered them with ARRA during the last year.

Wilma Dyer Albright, Rosie, AL	Cathy E. Terrell, Rosie, AZ	Sylvia Van Stedum Heintzelman, Rosie, KY	Marion Elaine Foley, Rosie, OR
Velora L. Sasse Anderson, Rosie, AL	Gail Ann Hawkins Tulleners, Rosebud 2, AZ	Constance Hinkel Negrotto, Rosie, LA	Betty B. Frasier, Rosie, OR
Alice Elizabeth Richardson Barnett, Rosie, AL	Mary Wayne, Rosie, AZ	Shirley Mills Sutherland, Rosie, LA	Lucille Haugen-Lonnecker, Rosie, OR
Faye W. Braden, Rosie, AL	Lawanda Cells Esslinger Willkie, Rosie, AZ	Mary Ellen Kennedy, Rosie, MA	Muriel Millsap Jensen, Rosie, OR
Helen Weaver Brown, Rosie, AL	Rodessa Battle, Rosie, CA	Sylvia Maerowitz Lechan, Rosie, MA	Loretta Schuster Morgan, Rosie, OR
Mae Sanderson Clark, Rosie, AL	Alice Diaz Berumen, Rosie, CA	Mary Werbiskis Pietras, Rosie, MA	Opal Land Nelson, Rosie, OR
Juanita Holoway Colbert, Rosie, AL	Henriette J. Brissaud, Rosie, CA	Mary Christoph Befacchia, Rosie, MD	Dorene Juanita Ronning, Rosie, OR
Geneva Howard Duke, Rosie, AL	Dora Lucero Castro, Rosie, CA	Susan Christen, Rosie, MD	Antoinette M. Hillary Staggs, Rosie, OR
Oneeda Della Daily, Rosie, AL	Charlotte Chastain, Rosebud 2, CA	Burnerdine Jeffers Downey, Rosie, MD	Edith M. Aulenbach, Rosie, PA
Betty Garrett Gammon, Rosie, AL	Winnie Milholland Hart, Rosie, CA	Eleanora F. Frost, Rosie, MD	Ruth I. Rowzer Mock Kos, Rosie, PA
Nell Blount Alexander Graham, Rosie, AL	Mildred Wright Oxford, Rosie, CA	Grace Alitha Pinner Henninger, Rosie, MD	Cecilia Luebbert Mammana, Rosie, PA
Ruth Deskins Hash-Gilpin, Rosie, AL	Carol M. Pollock, Rosie, CA	Nettie M. Jones, Rosie, MD	Kathleen Gail Rudy, Rosebud 1, PA
Homer L. Hudson, Rivet, AL	Margaret Willett Werren, Rosie, CA	Helen W. Jordan, Rosie, MD	Elaine Fry Santore, Rosie, PA
Jewell V. Northcutt, Rosie, AL	Frances Bradfield Witten, Rosie, CA	Thelma E. Kelley, Rosie, MD	Jean MacMillan Shea, Rosie, PA
Kathryn Knight Oliver, Rosie, AL	Betty Knight Jones, Rosie, CO	Eva M. Kirker, Rosie, MD	Betty Lou Geist, Rosie, SC
Lena England Ryan, Rosie, AL	Marjorie Brumbelow Lopez, Rosie, CO	Agnes M. Serra, Rosie, MD	Lola Mae Camp McIntosh, Rosie, SC
Carol Lee Whigham Ryder, Rosie, AL	Edna Youngrew Ogle, Rosie, CO	Alice T. Wagner, Rosie, MD	Irene Bell Hembree, Rosie, TN
Louise Strickland, Rosie, AL	N. Catherine LaMountain Hammond, Rosie, CT	Imogene Irene Young, Rosie, MD	Sarah Berry Behringer, Rosebud 2, TX
Adele Stulginskas, Rosie, AL	Helen Marie Pierce Dittman, Rosie, FL	Mary Balosky, Rosie, MI	Eunice Flickinger Bonar, Rosie, TX
Elsie Merritt Ellingsen, Rosie, AL	Opal Breeding Nickell, Rosie, FL	Marian Bertha Gentz, Rosie, MI	Edna George Cox, Rosie, TX
Margie Dudley Haughton, Rosie, AL	Odie Hale Cotton Rainer, Rosie, FL	June Lamm, Rosie, MI	Melba Lois Newberry Crain, Rosie, TX
Frances Lee Haynsworth, Rosie, AL	June Curtis Remington, Rosie, FL	Nettie Knighton Petri, Rosie, MI	Jurhee Mozella Moose Barger Downs, Rosie, TX
Eugenia McKinney Jenkins, Rosie, AL	Helen E. Allen, Rosie, GA	Ruby Henderson Smith, Rosie, MI	Glenmary Russell Favro, Rosie, TX
Carolyn Campbell Johnson, Rosie, AL	Geraldine Anthony, Rosie, GA	Isabell Marie Zurek, Rosie, MI	Velma McCarty Hargrave, Rosie, TX
Edna Jane Julian, Rosie, AL	Jessie Hicks Bean, Rosie, GA	Tina Rongstad Falk, Rosie, MN	Doris Estes Hollaway, Rosie, TX
Marion Creel McCowan, Rosie, AL	Beverly J. Britt, Rosie, GA	Darlene Swink Briggs, Rosie, MO	Adeana Hale James, Rosie, TX
Bette Dean Waiwaiole, Rosie, AL	Onie Mae Graham Bruce, Rosie, GA	Ruth Swink Hinze, Rosie, MO	Martha Frances Kocian Janota, Rosie, TX
Nellie Jones Watts, Rosie, AL	Tooken Richardson Cade, Rosie, GA	Doris Springer McCollum, Rosie, MO	Violet Irene Johnson, Rosie, TX
Dorothy Moon Weathers, Rosie, AL	Takeen Richardson Cade, Rosie, GA	Mildred M. Peat, Rosie, MO	Garnell Eve Mueller Kyler, Rosie, TX
Ruth Oelklaus Zeisler, Rosie, AL	Ouida Word Dickey, Rosie, GA	Ella Siebe Quigley, Rosie, MO	Katie Simcik Smith, Rosie, TX
Margaret Opsahl McCarty, Rosie, AR	Betty Matousek Dmytryk, Rosie, GA	Helen Tupper Tew, Rosie, MO	Velma Dorsey Long Moose Smith, Rosie, TX
Louise McCoy Asterino, Rosie, AZ	Juanita Summer Davis, Rosie, GA	Lola A. Arvidson, Rosie, MT	Jennie Frances Summers Wollard, Rosie, TX
Joyce Pistole Barrett, Rosie, AZ	Nelle Bennett Holbrook, Rosie, GA	Elaine Clemons Johnson, Rosie, ND	Wilma Steed Mills, Rosie, UT
Elizabeth M. Blanton, Rosie, AZ	Viola Nix Jaworski, Rosie, GA	Betty Pace Anderson, Rosie, NE	Hallie Margaret Scribner, Rosie, WI
Ida May Borhauer, Rosie, AZ	Helena Davis Kirch, Rosie, GA	Helen I. Fischer, Rosie, NE	Nancy Schumacher VanValken- berg, Rosie, WI
Millie F. DeJong, Rosie, AZ	June Frances Holt Lyles, Rosie, GA	Ann Somma, Rosie, NJ	Edith Johnson Lyons, Rosie, WV
Virginia E. Dickens, Rosie, AZ	Vaudell E. Carter Sosebee, Rosie, GA	Bonnie Mae Pierce Roberts, Rosie, NV	Marjorie Louise Currah, Rosie, WY
Virginia E. Fish, Rosie, AZ	Nadine Gunn Wachowski, Rosie, GA	Helen M. Valenzuela, Rosie, NV	
Ruby M. Gale, Rosie, AZ	Kevin Vincent Walsh, Rivet 1, GA	Carmella Schembari Wood, Rosie, NV	
Stella M. Glaab, Rosie, AZ	Reva Welch Weeks, Rosie, GA	Sophie Zielinski Babinski, Rosie, NY	
John Kennedy, Rivet, AZ	Paulette Sibley Wood, Rosie, GA	Eleanor Atkinson McKillip, Rosie, NY	
Elizabeth Faisoni Levy, Rosie, AZ	Ruth Causey Young, Rosie, GA	Rosalind Palmer Walter, Rosie, NY	
Mary Jo McCully, Rosie, AZ	Elaine Karsten Struve, Rosie, IA	Dolores Leasure Carli, Rosie, OH	
Margie LaVern McNeill, Rosie, AZ	Mary Evelyn Elder Vickrey, Rosie, ID	Bonita L. Ogden, Rosebud 1, OH	
Constance Griffith Muldoon, Rosie, AZ	Curlie Flowers Engdahl, Rosie, IL	Helen Baggett Marcotte, Rosie, OK	
Marge Murphy, Rosie, AZ	Betty Jane Lekos, Rosie, IL	Beatrice Cruson Moore, Rosie, OK	
Helen M. Nicholl, Rosie, AZ	Lorraine Eisenberg Margalit, Rosie, IL	Mildred Chapman Nelson, Rosie, OK	
Jane G. Niedermayer, Rosie, AZ	Norma Lee Brown Chambers, Rosie, IN	Roberta W. Pain, Rosie, OK	
Wilma Rees, Rosie, AZ	Betty J. Heitzman, Rosie, IN		
Mary Reiter Ricewasser, Rosie, AZ			
Elisabeth Friedrich Ruffner, Rosie, AZ			
Angie R. Saraceno, Rosie, AZ			
Irene Mary Gross Saunders, Rosie, AZ			
W. Katherine Sims, Rosie, AZ			
Goldie Steinhart, Rosie, AZ			
Corinne Marie Stout, Rosie, AZ			



Congressional Gold Medal for Rosies Isn't Yet Finished

The House of Representatives has passed a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to all Rosies, but the Senate has not yet done so. You can help by contacting your Senators to ask them to support **Senate Bill S.892**. See <https://www.congress.gov/members> under “How To Contact Your Member.” Each Rosie will not receive an individual medal, but each Rosie can be rightfully proud of the honor!

Remembering Donnaleen



Donnaleen presiding at the 2019 ARRA Convention

With sadness, we report that Immediate Past ARRA National President, Rosebud **Donnaleen Lanktree** of MI, passed away on July 3. Donnaleen served as National President of ARRA from 2007-2013 and from 2018-2019.

Many remember Donnaleen's passion for collecting Rosie stories, giving more than 80 "talks" about Rosies, or how she helped Michigan ARRA Chapters honor Rosies and plant 100+ Rosie Rose bushes. Working tirelessly with the Yankee Air Museum, Donnaleen created and coordinated a stunning Rosie Honor Roll plaque at the museum, listing (so far) almost 650 names of Rosies. A new plate on that plaque will honor her. We remember the fun times she planned for Conventions, the polka dot rose corsages she always made for every Rosie in attendance, and much more.

Donnaleen's contributions to ARRA are more than we can list, but perhaps the most shining remembrance is her pure love for all the Rosies. We remember her with love and gratitude.

Busy Eastern MI (WOW) Chapter



On June 2, this Chapter had a driveby parade to honor Rosie **Lucille Grewe** on her 108th birthday. Lucille (on right) is pictured with Chapter President **Bette Kenward** and Rosie **Gertrude Defever**. On July 4, members conducted a drive-by parade with Rosies **Fran Masters** and **Audrey Bolton** at their senior center (pictured left).



Afterward, they planted a Rosie Rose bush at the center in their honor. Members have also been busy making masks for the military in ARRA's "We Can Sew It!" project (see p. 2), for which they received a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Army. Three members participated in a virtual Run for Rosie. Though they can't meet as usual, their spirit is still great!

Baltimore Rosies Beat Shutdown

Shortly before the Covid shutdown, ARRA's Baltimore Chapter held its second annual "Lunch & Learn" at the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum.



Rosie **Idilia Johnston** (center) shared about her WWII work as a Rosie and

in the Navy. Also on the panel were Rosebuds **Milly McDaniel**, **Pat Collins**, and **Cookie Welsh** (not pictured). And recently, a special honor was given to Rosie **Susan King**, who participated in a Q&A session at the National WW II Museum with filmmaker Gregory Cooke for a screening of *Invisible Warriors: African American Women in World War II*. Way to go!

National Geographic at Willow Run



ARRA of MI recently hosted several crews from National Geographic as they interviewed local Rosies **Marjorie Haskins**, **Clara Doutly**, **Virginia Basler**, **Mallie Mellon**, and **Helen Kushnir** of our Willow Run Chapter, and Tuskegee Airman **Harry Stewart**. They are featured in a June 2020 article, "The Last Voices of WWII." ARRA's MI State Director, Rosebud **Nancy Zajac**, facilitated the interviews. In addition to the print article and its online version (available to subscribers), see a free online article at <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/amp-stories/history/ww2-rosies-advice-during-coronavirus/>. Also, a documentary, "WWII in Europe: Voices from the Front," aired on the NatGeo Channel in May. It is now available through the NatGeo website and your cable or satellite provider at <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/tv/movies-and-specials/wwii-in-europe-voices-from-the-front>, and also through Amazon Prime.



Also, on June 6, the Willow Run Chapter had their first-ever Rosies & Vets meeting on ZOOM! On July 4, they dedicated a new Rosie Rose Garden at the Westland Historical Village Park, with a rose bush in honor of Rosie **Emma Timmermann**, pictured at left with her husband **Henry**, Councilwoman **Tasha Green**, and Museum Director **Ryan Eberhard**. On July 15, the Chapter dedicated a Rosie garden at the Dearborn Historical Museum, honoring Rosies **Helen Kushnir** and **Marjorie Gifford** (deceased). Pictured are Rosebud **Audrey Parmentier**, Rosie **Helen**, **Karen Werden**, and **Nancy Zajac**. Great job, all!



Rosie Shares with Home Schoolers

In early 2020, Rosie **Hazel Phillips** (AL) was asked to speak to a large group of home schoolers about her experiences during the war, as they visited the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. The children loved the presentation and sent her follow-up notes afterward. Keep up the good work, Hazel!



Stratford, CT (Corsair) News

Members of ARRA's Stratford Chapter were busy this spring sewing masks for ARRA's "We Can Sew It" campaign (see p. 2), and were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Army. Also, they have been busy writing letters to troops through ARRA's "Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops" project (see p. 2), working with the CT Historical Society to loan out Rosie artifacts for an upcoming exhibit, and collaborating with a DAR chapter to provide Rosie artifacts and Biography Boards for a women's history exhibit this spring. Super work!



Rosie Featured on National News

In July, Rosie **Mae Krier** (PA) was featured on ABC News, Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, on numerous local channels, and in newspapers across the country for her work making masks featuring Rosies' red/white polka dots. And she promoted Congressional Gold Medal efforts. Wow! Find her online!





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From Cheboygan/Emmet County, MI



This new Chapter held their first meeting at the Icebreaker Mackinaw Museum, conducting business, then talking to people on the ship about Rosies. On Memorial Day, Chapter Rosebuds biked around Mackinaw City in honor of Rosies. They have been doing community service beautification projects, and on May 18, they participated in a parade (left) for Rosie **Alma Ginop's** 101st birthday that included 136 cars and 7 fire trucks. Happy Birthday, Alma!



Rosie Recollections of the War's End *(continued from page 1)*

There was shouting and singing and dancing in the streets in Connecticut. The radio broadcasted from many parts of the country, so we could all hear the great celebration around the whole U.S.A. When my cousin got home after being a prisoner in Japan, my aunt threw a huge party in his honor. The entire family was there. --**Rosie Marge, CT**

The news of victory in Europe was great. But we kept going because B-25's were needed in Japan. That victory came with a great celebration. --**Rosie Fern, AZ**

I remember all the celebrating and how happy everyone was. People were celebrating all over our city in Texas. --**Rosie Wilda, TX**

I was in Ocean City, NJ for a short work break when the war ended, and when I got back to the aircraft plant, I was told, "Bring your toolbox and come with me." I was out of a job, with the other gals. My time at the Glenn Martin Company was an exciting time in my life. --**Rosie Violet, TX**

I was 17 years old in the Seattle area, working for a company under contract with Boeing as a riveter and buckler on P-38's. I was at work when I heard the war was over. We whooped and hollered and had a good time! We were really thrilled. We were so proud we could do something for the boys overseas. --**Rosie Fran, AZ**

That day I was welding in the inner bottom of a Liberty ship in Savannah, GA. The shift whistle blew, and it was not time for shift change. Everyone gathered and we learned the good news. We were very glad. My mother, older sister, and I worked at the shipyard for two years, and returned to our hometown, Lineville, AL, where I completed my last year of high school and entered Dental Hygiene School in Chicago. --**Rosie Jane, GA**

I was a farm girl in Iowa, just out of high school, and heard that workers were needed at the Rock Island, IL Arsenal. My parents got me a sleeping room that was about two miles from the Arsenal and I walked to my job every morning and night. I was assigned to fill back orders for supplies needed in the war. The day the war was over, they told us our job ended. --**Rosie Dorothy, IA**

I am very honored to be a Rosie the Riveter and to have served on the home front. On V-J Day, I joined with the crowd on Michigan Avenue to celebrate the end of the war. --**Rosie Jane, MI**

When the announcement came in Maryland, everyone got something to make noise with. I put down my drill and went home to celebrate with my brothers who returned from the Navy. --**Rosie Wilma, MD**