

SPAR Interview

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Interviewer's Biography

Donna Vojvodich

Donna Vojvodich started SPARs Stories in 2019 as a result of her volunteer service with the Coast Guard Arlington Ladies. Through finding and interviewing World War II era SPARs, she works to preserve their oral histories with the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress. Every SPAR has something amazing to say. Donna earned a JD degree from Hastings College of Law, a BA in Government from California State University, Sacramento and a Certificate in Business Administration from Georgetown University. She resides in the Washington, DC area.

Nancy Euskine Hussey, USCG SPAR

Firmly believing that someone from her family should serve our nation, Nancy Erskine from Bronxville, NY enlisted in the Coast Guard SPARs in February, 1943. Sent to Hunter College in the Bronx for boot camp, she distinguished herself, quickly rising from Apprentice Seaman to Coxswain. As Coxswain, she trained new recruits, first at Hunter College and then at the Coast Guard Training Station at the Palm Beach Biltmore Hotel.