



## **LIBRARY WILL HOST THE “REAL WOMEN” VETERANS OF VIETNAM**

*Award-winning journalist will highlight contributions from female Vietnam veterans*

MILLSBORO, DE – October 30, 2024 – The Millsboro Public Library will host award-winning journalist Nancy E. Lynch, who will present *The REAL Women Veterans of Vietnam* at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 9.

Inspired by best-selling author Kristin Hannah’s popular novel, “*The Women*,” Lynch will share war letters that she received from real nurses who served in combat zones. Those letters were published in her popular *News Journal* newspaper column, *Nancy’s Vietnam Mailbag*, from 1968 to 1972.

Lynch will compare their experiences to those of author Hannah’s fictional Army nurse, Frankie McGrath, a privileged Californian who served two tours in Vietnam after a family tragedy—and found a path forward.

Contrary to public perception, about 10,000 military women served in Vietnam and not all were nurses. Barred from combat, they also worked in communications, intelligence, and administrative jobs. Civilian women also volunteered for duty in Vietnam and served with the American Red Cross, the Army Special Services, the USO, and as news correspondents.

According to Lynch, although “women can be heroes” was a revelation to the fictional Frankie, it was an indisputable reality for the women who served and died in Vietnam. Lynch promised in her last column in December 1972 to someday put all the almost 1,000 war letters and pictures she received in a book to honor all Vietnam veterans. She fulfilled her mission on Veterans Day 2008 with the release of her acclaimed *Vietnam Mailbag, Voices From the War: 1968-1972*.

“In honor of Veterans Day, we can’t think of a better representative than Nancy Lynch to help us appreciate the real contributions from these phenomenal women who served,” said Assistant Director Anthony Connolly.

A University of Delaware graduate, Lynch has written seven books, all non-fiction, and lives in Bethel, Del. Lynch’s presentation is underwritten by a grant from Delaware Humanities.

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### About The Millsboro Public Library

The [Millsboro Public Library](#) opened on December 6, 1973 and is located on West State Street in Millsboro. The library serves Millsboro and surrounding communities with an annual circulation of 74,504 items. The library hosts popular, weekly programs such as StoryTime and yoga along with several monthly programs including book clubs, and chess club. Hours are Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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