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Commissioner Buckingham Continues Series on General Land Office's Voices of Veterans Oral History Program

The Story of Texas Veteran Millie Dalrymple

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Austin — Today, Texas Land Commissioner and Veterans Land Board (VLB) Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham, M.D. introduced that next installment of the series highlighting the VLB's Voices of Veterans oral history program. In this episode, we hear the story of Texas Veteran Millie Dalrymple.

To listen to Ms. Dalrymple tell her story visit VoicsofVeterans.org.

Ms. Dalrymple grew up in Llano, Texas. She graduated from Llano High School before attending and graduating from the University of Texas where she met a young man, Bill Davidson, who would become her husband after he entered the service following the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

In 1943, after learning that her husband's plane had gone down, Ms. Dalrymple decided to honor her late husband by becoming a pilot with the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). She learned to fly several different types of planes while training. She would go on to fly countless hours ferrying planes across the United States in support of the war effort. On March 10, 2010, Ms. Dalrymple was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal along with her fellow WASP members.



Ms. Millie Dalrymple, Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)

Voices of Veterans is the first Veteran oral history program undertaken by a state agency and records the stories of Texas Veterans through their time in service and after returning home.



Ms. Millie Dalrymple, Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), receives the Congressional Gold Medal

Veterans interested in including their story in the Voices of Veterans oral history program can contact the VLB at 512-475-1248. Veterans can also fill out a contact form at <u>VoicesofVeterans.org</u>. Please note that the Veteran must be a resident of Texas at time of their interview.



Ms. Millie Dalrymple and fellow Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) members

The Voices of Veterans oral history program records the stories of Texas Veterans and archives their interviews in the Office of Veterans Records at the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for use by future researchers, historians, genealogists and the general public to inspire future generations and remind us of our Veterans' sacrifices.