

Sandra A. Clasen (Zentgraf)



I was born on March 23, 1945 in London, England the child of a British war bride and an American GI. My mother and I sailed to the USA in the SS Paraguay in April 1946. Our family settled in Greenfield, MA. I always knew that my mother served in the British ATS during the war and my dad was US Army Air Corps.

After graduating from high school in June of 1963 I joined the WAVES and left for basic training at Bainbridge, MD in August of 1963. I was a member of Company 20. Our Company Commander was PNC B. J. Gagliardo. We graduated on October 11, 1963.

After spending two weeks home on leave after graduation I took a bus to San Diego, CA to attend DK "A" School from October of 1963 to March of 1964. My most vivid memory of being in San Diego was hearing of the assassination of President Kennedy. I remember standing on the tarmac during the funeral. Even though it was November it was still hot in San Diego. We wore our dress blue uniforms.

My first duty station after graduating school was at the finance center at NAS Jacksonville, FL. I was attached to the school command where I checked in the new school attendees, computed their pay-to-date and made arrangements for them to be paid.

I met my ex while stationed at the school command and we were married on February 13, 1965 in Kingsland, GA. I was discharged in July of 1965 when I found out I was pregnant.

I would not change a thing about my time in the WAVES. Because of my service I have been a member of the American Legion for 16 years. I am the commander of my post.

I currently live in Colorado and love it. I am the mother of two daughters and one son, grandmother to six and great-grandmother to four.

My maiden name was Sandra A. Zentgraf. My last name now is Clasen. I would love to hear from anyone who might have known me

then. Forgive me if I don't remember you. (my memory isn't what it used to be).

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It's not the age, it's the attitude.