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I joined the Navy in 1970 in Concord, California. The flight to boot camp in Bainbridge Maryland with several other WAVE recruits was the first time I had ever flown in an airplane. We were at boot camp in February so it was still pretty cold. One thing I remember from boot camp was our trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purpose of this trip was to buy any other wardrobe necessities that we hadn't brought with us. However, we had a special treat, we got to attend a Navy Ball and wear our dress white uniforms.

After boot camp and a short leave to see my family in California I returned to Bainbridge for Yeoman A School. My first duty station was Orlando, Florida. I was assigned to the Public Affairs Office where I helped the Administrative Assistant and with the Base Newspaper.

My second and last duty station was London England. This came about when my first husband received this duty station after his tour in Vietnam. In order for me to be assigned to London I needed to have 2 years left in the Navy so I extended my enlistment. I served as Command Center Yeoman in the downtown London Office. This was a good assignment, we did not wear uniforms and London was a very different and fun environment. However, I didn't like the weather too much, there was not enough sunshine. The only thing I regret is not seeing more of Europe while I was there. I was honorably discharged in London in 1974.