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An Interview with Frank Moscardelli, Gerald Raschke
and Betty Wrigley

Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Veterans Remember – WW II Oral History project

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Frank Moscardelli, Gerald Raschke and Betty Wrigley, two WW II veterans and a woman who worked in the Puget Sound Shipyard during the war, were interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember – WW II* Oral History project.

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Location: Union Theater of Abraham Lincoln Presidential
Museum, Springfield, Illinois

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Biographical Information/Overview of Interview: Frank Moscardelli, Gerald (Jerry) Raschke and Betty Wrigley were interviewed on stage at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum's Union Theater in an event entitled *An Evening with World War II Veterans*. Each of them had previously been interviewed separately. They appeared on November 7, 2019, just days before Veterans Day, as the capstone program supporting the Presidential Museum's exhibit "In This Great Struggle – The Greatest Generation Remember World War II." The evening concluded with an extensive Q & A session with the audience.

Frank Moscardelli grew up in Springfield, Illinois, and was drafted in December 1943. He served with the 353rd Infantry Regiment, 89th Infantry Division in Europe, and saw action in Luxembourg and Germany, ending the war with Patton's Third Army near Czechoslovakia. Jerry Raschke grew up in Omaha, Nebraska and joined the Army Air Forces in June 1943. He spent his war as a tail gunner in a B-26 Marauder, a medium bomber, in the European theater, completing sixty-one missions before the end of the war. Betty Ann (Fuetsch) Wrigley was born in Collinsville, Illinois and grew up in the Soulard neighborhood of St. Louis. When she was fifteen years old in 1943, she accompanied her aunt to Bremerton, Washington, and after adding two years to her age, was hired at the Puget Sound shipyard. She performed a variety of tasks during the next couple of years, most memorably helping add extra armor onto warships that had been severely damaged in combat.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Frank Moscardelli; Gerald 'Jerry' Raschke; Betty Wrigley; 89th Infantry Division; B-26 Marauder (medium bomber); 320th Bomb Group; Betty (Feutsch) Wrigley; Bremerton, Washington during WW II; Puget Sound shipyards; ship's dances at Puget Sound shipyards;

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