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An Interview with JoAnn Wehrle

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JoAnn Wehrle, wife of Roy Wehrle who accompanied him to Laos and Vietnam while Roy worked for the State Department, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember – Vietnam* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: JoAnn Griffith (Wehrle) was born on September 13, 1935 in White Bear, Minnesota. She married Roy Wehrle in August, 1959 and the couple soon shipped out to Laos, where Roy served with the State Department. JoAnn discusses what her life was like serving as a representative of the United States in a third world country. In 1964 she accompanied Roy to South Vietnam, and was there until 1967. Their daughter was born in Saigon in 1967. JoAnn was twice evacuated to Bangkok, Thailand, once from Laos and once from South Vietnam as the Vietnam War grew more intense. JoAnn Passed away on April 30, 2016.

Subject Headings/Key Words: life in Laos in the early 1960s; life for dependents in Saigon, South Vietnam in the mid 1960s; evacuation to Thailand; entertaining the diplomatic corps; Vietnam; visit hill tribes in Laos.

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