

# “Extraordinary”

I was in the US Air Force Nurse Corps during the end of Vietnam, stationed at March AFB, Riverside CA. I was one of the nurses selected to care for some of our returning Air Force POW's - 54 of them to be exact. It was the largest contingent of Air Force returnees to a single location. I was also stationed in the Philippines during Operation Babylift where we cared for hundreds of Vietnamese refugees. One of the nurses with whom I went to Nurse Flight School was killed on the C-5 aircraft that crashed while evacuating babies from Vietnam; another one of my flight school colleagues was injured during that same flight.

—*Maryanne, Ballston Lake*