

Kelly Smith

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Sparkman Hall Rm #222

on the date(s) of April 2, 1995

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Tamara S. Elam
Interviewee's signature

Address In process of moving

Phone _____

Date 4-2-95

Kelly D. Smith
Interviewer's signature

Address P.O. Box # 4065
Jacksonville, FL 32265

Phone 782-~~1111~~ 10130

Date 4-2-95

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Tamara Williams M/F Female

Address: is in process of moving

Phone number(s): process of moving

Approximate age or date of birth: 28

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Places lived and when: She lived in Plainview, Texas.

Was in Germany for 2 years.

Education: 1 yr. + Now she has started again and is in her 3rd yr.

Religion: N/A

Business, political and social memberships (past and present) N/A

Present occupation: student

Former occupations: _____

Special Skills: _____

Major Accomplishments: was an MP + driver for ~~the~~ Commander

in Persian Gulf.

National Events in which interviewee has participated: _____

Local Events in which interviewee has participated: N/A

National born U.S. citizen? Yes No

Naturalized Citizen: Yes No Date: _____

Country from which he/she emigrated: N/A

Documents, photographs, and artifacts which are in the possession of the interviewee:

N/A

Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral

history interview: N/A

Additional information: _____

Tamara Lynn Elam
By: Kelly Smith
April 2, 1995
Place: Quintard Ave.
Women In Combat

MILITARY WOMEN
PANAMA
DESERT STORM
MP

- I. History
 - A. Tamara Lynn Elam *age 28*
 - B. Where Originally From *Texas, Plainville^{gw}*
 - C. Parents
 - D. Brothers and Sisters
 - E. Schooling
- II. Army
 - A. Why Joined It
 - B. Responsibilities
 1. law enforcement
 2. secure warheads
 3. riot control
 4. first responder's
 5. canine units
- III. Basic Training
 - A. Describes What Happens At First
 - B. Describes What You Can Go Through
 1. obstacles and courses
 - C. Routine Went All Day
- IV. Involvement In War
 - A. Deployed To Panama
 - B. What Happened There
 - C. What Jobs They Had
 - D. What Happened At Site
 - E. Talks About The Person Who Was Killed
- V. Involvement In Saudi
 - A. Driver For Col. Hoffman
 - B. Weather In Saudi
 - C. Describing The Shelter And Food
 - D. Frowned On Female Drivers
 - E. Tells Of Jobs There
- VI. Discrimination Against Females
 - A. How soldier's reacted
 - B. Was she treated differently?
 - C. How commander treated her
 - D. Describes feelings of discrimination
- VII. Isolation From Home
 - A. Missed Four Christmas's
 - B. Sadness Of Not Seeing Family
 - C. Missed Sister's Baby Grow Up
- VIII. Reason's For Getting Out Of Army
 - A. Soldier's Not Taken care of
 - B. Further Education
 - C. Go on To Next Chapter in Life
- IX. Why Came To Alabama
 - A. Education
 - B. Friend's Were Here
- X. Plans For Future
 - A. Finish School
 - B. weight Trainer

Proposal

Kelly Smith
Tues/Thurs 11:00-12:30
Tamara Elam
3508 Knollwood Drive
Lackney, TX
02-25-69

February 26, 1995

Her home in Anniston

I am interviewing her ^{on} own the Persian Gulf War. I want to know what roles the woman played opposed to the men. I also want to know if there were any changes in the women's roles opposed to the Vietnam War. She participated first hand in the war. This topic was important because in the past most of the fighting was on the ground opposed to the Gulf War which was mostly in the air. I will consult newspapers since this was a pretty recent event in history. I think that by interviewing a woman will give us a different aspect of history. Since she had a first hand experience, it will be interesting to hear the real-life accounts..

*Great idea
to write for
nt. the Women in
the Military
series
See extra questions
+*

1. Fullname
2. Originally from where
3. History of Parents
4. Age
- and 5. What made you decide to come to Alabama?
6. What kind of schooling do you have?
7. How did you feel about participating in the war?
8. Was there different treatment of males than females?
9. What was you most memorable experience?
10. Did you agree about what we were fighting for?
11. How long were you stationed?
12. What kind of shelter did you have?
13. What did you eat?
14. What was your daily routine? R & R?
15. What was your job in the war?

20ward
Persian
Gulf
+
the invasion
called
Operation
Just cause

Illnesses after?

Is she married, if so, who took care of home & kids etc?

How did she get into Army why? Rank? Duties
How did she like it? other places stationed before?
How did men soldiers treat her? other women?

1st side