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Dear Lee,

Here are two activity reports:

Keith Whitcomb 1940
Tau Delta Chi
Delta Kappa (Chemistry)

In 1945 I was running the chemistry laboratory connected with an aircraft overhaul unit (Air Base Group 2) of the US Marine Corps, stationed on North Island, here in San Diego. About July of that year we were transferred to El Toro Marine Air Base in Tustin California. The original intent was to station the unit in Hawaii and overhaul fighter planes then ship them back out for active duty, but by 1945 plans changed and we were transferred to El Toro instead of to Hawaii. The planes we reworked while stationed on North Island were used in advanced training of fighter pilots.

Betty (Horn) Whitcomb 1942
Epsilon Pi Theta
Sigma Omicron (Chemistry)
Mortar Board (Cap and Gown)

In 1945 Betty was working in the chemistry laboratory on North Island's Naval overhaul facility. Military hardware that was overhauled included aircraft, aircraft carriers and submarines. She worked in that lab from June 1942 into 1946.

With regard to our activities since the war, I was released from the USMC in April, 1946, and returned to Ryan Aeronautical Company until September 1946 when I left for a job in Los Angeles, with the Cee Bee Chemical Company. I was with them until 1966. We developed chemical compounds to aid in the overhaul of aircraft. that is, paint strippers, surface cleaners, engine cleaners, and other materials used to "keep 'em flying". In 1967 I went to Airesearch Manufacturing Company, still working in a chemistry lab. We had many interesting components that aided in getting us to the Moon. That was exciting and lots of fun.

In 1969, Betty became a Registered Principal with the National Association of Securities Dealers and has sold investments ever since.

In 1984, I retired and we returned to live in El Cajon to enjoy the nice weather and a couple of grandkids.

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