

Vets recall war years abroad and at home

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site training before landing a desk job in Cleveland.

"The navy wasn't sending women overseas when I went in," she said.

"I couldn't go in sooner because women had to be 21," she said.

"I volunteered because the war was on and because I had a brother in the Navy," she explained.

She says the service was a great experience.

"It's one I'd recommend to any girl. I

have no regrets joining. I'm sorry I couldn't have been in longer."

ANOTHER EAGER JOINER was Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman. Deadman joined the Naval Reserve while a senior in high school in 1950, when the nation was engaged in the Korean conflict.

He whetted his lifelong appetite for flying by joining an air unit stationed at the now defunct Grosse Ile air base.

"I went into that squadron thinking it

probably would be activated," he said. "It never was."

His one "war injury" occurred at Grosse Ile while trying to land a hot air balloon on a windy afternoon. On a team that grabbed the ropes to steer the blimp inward, Deadman and crew were dragged across the runway by a combination of wind and balloon.

"The blimp never landed that afternoon," he recalled.

During his four year stint, Deadman's reserve unit operated independently as a squadron on two-week cruises to Jacksonville, New York, Chicago

and Maine.

"There was a little bit of the Vietnam attitude then," he said. "Confusion over what our involvement was about. It was the first group to run off to college for student deferments."

"Though Korea had the support of the basic citizenry, the returning veteran wasn't as well accepted as the returning World War Two veteran."

"Still, they had a better time than returning Vietnam veterans."

Whatever their circumstance, veterans basically feel like Moran.

"I wouldn't want to live through it again," said the World War One veteran.

an." But I wouldn't trade the experience for anything in the world."

Perkins chief heads group

William D. Winemaster, president of Perkins Engines, Inc. of Wayne, has been elected president of the Marine Engine Manufacturers Association (MEMA) for 1981.

He succeeds Jerry Snyder, president of Eska Corp., of Dubuque, Iowa.

MEMA, representing producers of inboard and outboard power units, is one of three membership groups

united in the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) with headquarters in Chicago. Other groups represent boat builders and suppliers of marine accessories.

Winemaster, of Farmington Hills, part of the worldwide Perkins Engines Group based in England, is a long-time member of the NMMA board of directors.

Businessman is shot

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"If it wasn't for a parked car between us, they could've got me in the head or the heart," Leibhan said.

While he was being shot at, Leibhan said all he could think of was his family. Leibhan and his wife have a 2-year-old son and are expecting another child.

The shooting victim walked to the restaurant to call police; the assailants fled on foot. Leibhan said the restaur-

ant employees and police who investigated the incident acted like his gunshot wound was "an everyday occurrence."

Despite the close call in Detroit, Leibhan said he's not afraid to return to the city.

"I grew up in Detroit. It was just a question of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. "It could've happened in Southfield or Redford. It just happened to have happened there."

Police have no suspects in the case.

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