



Woman's United States Navy Vietnam Nurse Duty Uniform, ca. 1967



Martha Davis, from Harlan County, Kentucky, joined the navy in 1963 after being trained as a nurse at the United Mining Workers Hospital in Harlan. A member of the Navy Nurse Corps at the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida, she served in the continental United States and spent fourteen months on Guam caring for wounded American soldiers. This uniform is not typical of the duty uniform worn by Davis; unfortunately, none of her regularly worn uniforms survive.

Donated by Martha A. Davis, 2002.27.9

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