

## Franketta "Frankie" Zalaznik Oral History, 2003

Frankie Zalaznik was born in Pennsylvania on October 9, 1949. She graduated from nursing school in 1970, then joined the Student Army Nurse Corps and was stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center. While there, she treated many soldiers that had been wounded in Vietnam. In 1971, she was sent to the



central highlands of Vietnam with the Fourteenth Medical Detachment in Pleiku, then to the 95th Evacuation Hospital in Da Nang. In 1980, Zalaznik joined the Kentucky National Guard 475th Combat Support Hospital and was ordered to active duty for Operation Desert Shield on November 11, 1991. In August of 2002, she retired from the military.

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