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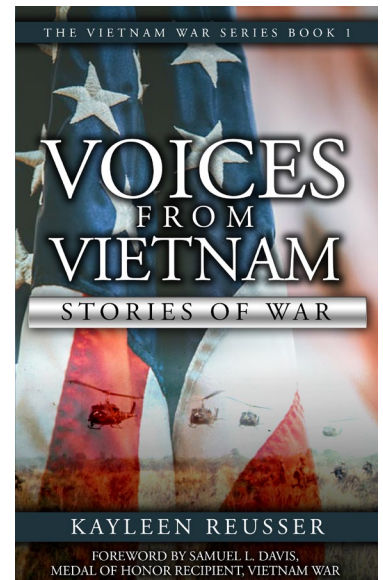
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NOTED LOCAL AUTHOR PUBLISHES FIRST BOOK ON STORIES OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Bluffton, Ind.—Indiana author and publisher Kayleen Reusser has just completed her first book in a new series on the Vietnam War. Kayleen is an accomplished author who has captured the personal impact of war and has previously written and published 12 books on American World War II veterans. The new book, titled *Voices from Vietnam: Stories of War*, provides insight from Vietnam veterans from all branches of the military, including the Army, Marines, Air Force and Navy. A release date for this new publication will be in September, 2022. Kayleen made this shift in the focus for her work as a result of the number of people, both military and civilian, who asked for a book about veterans of the Vietnam War. “I had many people asking for a book about the Vietnam War. It seemed an appropriate topic as these veterans did what their county asked of them, and they represented the last citizens who served because they were drafted,” she said. As with previous publications, *Voices from Vietnam* provides first-hand stories of life in service but it also addresses the trauma and impact that the veterans faced when returning home.



Voices from Vietnam, Stories of War is a compilation of 18 stories from male veterans from Northeast Indiana, Michigan, and Alabama. All photos in the book, including those on the cover, came from the personal collections of these veterans. None of these photos have been previously published. Kayleen was not able to find a female Vietnam War veteran for this book, which was something she tried to include in her other publications.

In addition to not including women, there are other differences in the composition of this book as compared to her other books on World War II. “Documenting how past wars have helped to shape the world of today has been a rewarding challenge,” she states. “Completing work on this book was surprising. The experiences of these veterans were so different than those from World War II. The length of service was different, the ability to bond and build relationships with other servicemen, and even the speed with which they returned to

civilian life after service was very different than the experiences of our previous veterans. In the past, it would take weeks to return to our country, affording time to start the healing process. During the Vietnam War, tours of duty were shorter, and returning servicemen were often returned to civilian life within the matter of one or two days.”

Kayleen continues, “I have learned much from them about the war. It was distressing to learn of the awful way they were treated by fellow Americans upon returning home by being spit on and called horrendous names. They were being loyal to the country’s military needs by enlisting or showing up after being drafted. They deserved better treatment. Hopefully this book will heal some of those wounds that might still fester.”

Reusser has two book launch events planned at this time. Both events are open to the public. The author and veterans from the book will be present at each event to sign copies of the book and talk to the public:

- October 22, 2022, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET at the Wells County Public Library, 200 West Washington Street, Bluffton, IN (260) 824-1612.
- November 12, 2022, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET at the downtown Allen County Public Library Globe Room, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN (260) 421-1200.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. The book is published in large print. All of Reusser’s books are also available on Amazon.

Reusser is an experienced virtual and in-person speaker on a variety of World War II topics, including women of World War II, POWs and more. To learn more about these presentations and/or to schedule a speaking event, visit her website at www.KayleenReusser.com

Reusser has also authored 16 nonfiction children’s books for middle-grade students. She has served as a freelance writer for various publications.

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