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We Celebrate Our 1st Birthday and Honor A Hero

CATHERINE EAST RECEIVES FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR

The Veterans Feminists of America completed its first year with a joyous reunion honoring one of our long unsung heroes, Catherine East. For those not at the Park Avenue Armory in New York on May 26 here are the evening's highlights to supplement the *NEWSDAY* article enclosed.

The long reception gave veterans time to catch up with one another. It was wonderful to hear the joyous sounds ... and the stories! Here was Sheila Tobias, who organized the first campus feminist conference at Cornell in 1968, now a math and physics professor at the University of Arizona in Tucson telling us her publisher wants her to write a book—about feminism! There was Florence Falk Dickler with husband and daughter. As NOW's first child care task force coordinator she would implore, "We'll never get anywhere until we have decent childcare". And this evening she's gloating—"Didn't I tell you? It's still an issue, and the Zoe Baird affair has finally spotlighted it!

Several came with their children. Anne Hazlewood-Brady sat with two sons and their wives, Betty Spalding was with her son and daughter and their spouses, Ivy Bottini, NY NOW's third president flew in from her home in Los Angeles and here she is with her two daughters sitting with Dolores Alexander, NOW's first executive director. My son Douglas reminded us that he, too is a veteran feminist, having acted at 17 in Myrna Lamb's play, "But What Have You Done For Me Lately?" with the New Feminist Theatre.

Gloria Steinem came with childcare activist Dorothy Pittman Hughes, former NOW task force coordinators, Betty Berry (Marriage and Divorce) and Sydney Abbott (Lesbian) talked with Barbara Love and Pat Trainor; and Evelyn Cunningham, Governor Rockefeller's head of the Women's Bureau, (she who collaborated when everyone else avoided us) was her warm, exuberant self, just as

we remember her.

At center table Catherine East sat with attorney Mary Eastwood "my constant support during the tough years", NOW founders Dorothy Haener of Detroit, Gene Boyer of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, D. C. resident, Sonia Pressman Fuentes, (one of the first to suggest to Betty Freidan that she "form an NAACP for women"), and Dick Graham, EEOC head who had tried to implement government directives for women and minorities. Sylvia Roberts, who won the landmark "Lorena Weeks vs Southern Bell" jetted in from Baton Rouge.

Catherine's daughter, Betsy and friends from Ithaca sat across the room, and here and there were many of Catherine's admirers — Jean Ledbeth King of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and D. C. veterans Vera Glazer, "the first journalist to write about us with seriousness" says Catherine; Flora Crater, editor publisher of "The Woman Activist" and Kathy Bonk.

Nikki Beare and Rep. Elaine Gordon came from Florida, Caroline Bird sat with former REDBOOK editor Sey Chesler. And Lynn Sherr and Jurate Kazickas, our allies in the press and authors of the Women's Liberation Calendar were there as part of the family.

In fact, it was like a big, wonderful family reunion — a family made up of extremely diverse personalities, but held together by the feminist philosophy.

Veterans of early radical groups, Judy O'Neil of NYC NOW Women's Center; Shelly Clayman of Radical Feminists mingled with founders of the Women's Political Caucus Mim Kelber and Martha Baker. It was good to see Erika Jong sneak in with her husband.

So much table-hopping, such a lousy PA system. The noise made it difficult to hear Gloria Crist even though she belted

* Who is Catherine East?

Perhaps one of our most unsung feminist heroes, from early 1962 until 1977 Catherine East stirred the smoldering embers of feminism and helped fan them into a roaring fire. From her position with the Kennedy Commission on the Status of Women, later in a senior staff position with all the presidential advisory committees on women she was in on what was happening (*and what wasn't*) where women were concerned.

In those days of no networks, no newsletters, no feminist contacts, East was our unofficial communications conduit; informing, educating, inspiring. She wrote many of the first major position papers on the ERA, abortion rights, family law, childbearing and child-rearing leave. She spread the word to individual women and organizations, *anyone* with a spark of interest in women's rights, and urged them to action.

East urged Betty Friedan to "form and NAACP for women", and with attorney Mary Eastwood, met often with Friedan to plan strategy. But East didn't stop there; she encouraged, nurtured and protected the developing National Organization for Women, unobtrusively supplying information and strategy along the way, often sounding the alert when danger threatened, rightfully earning Friedan's tribute "the midwife to the birth of the new feminist movement".

East worked with *all* organizations and urged coalitions to accomplish gains for women. Her tireless dedication earned our admiration and respect, her warmth and patience has earned our love. She nourished us when we were hungry, supported us when we were poor of spirit, sustained us in our need, educated us, cherished us, until feminism thrived and bore fruit again in the summer of our second wave. We, the Veteran Feminists of America are happy to award our first medal of honor to Catherine East.

* From May 26 invitation

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Excerpts From Catherine's Talk

All this praise is wonderful, even though I don't recognize myself sometimes; I'm afraid it's going to my head — at the same time I'm embarrassed, because so much of the credit belongs to others. All the publications and position papers I am credited with were the result of a network of feminists. Mary Eastwood wrote the papers on the ERA, and Alice Rossi wrote the publication on abortion. I did have a role in making the papers possible.

I was part of a network that began in 1962 with Ester Peterson and President Kennedy's Commission on the Status of Women, and grew to include thousands of women and a few good men throughout the United States. I became a friend, colleague and pupil of Marguerite Rawalt, a great lawyer and indomitable supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment; with Pauli Murray, a lawyer, civil rights worker, and later, Episcopalian priest. Mary Eastwood, a brilliant lawyer and organizer, who co-authored with Pauli a seminal law review article, "Jane Crow and the Law". Marguerite, Pauli and Mary became founders of NOW.

After the Commission ended with their report to the President, I became Executive Secretary of a successor body, the Citizens' Advisory Council on the Status of Women, which was housed in the Labor Department. Bertha Whittaker and I were the only staff, but we had access to a xerox machine, a Wats line, printing and mailing facilities.

Our network expanded and included attorney Carol Cox of the Solicitor's office, Jean Wells of the Women's Bureau, Morag Simchak, lobbyist for the Labor Department, Mary Leach, assistant to Ester Peterson, Jean Kin, an attorney in Ann Arbor, who with Dorothy Haener was seeking reforms in the Michigan Democratic Party to give larger roles to women.

The Council sponsored meetings of members of state and city commissions on women, and thus I became acquainted with Kathryn Clarenbach and Gene Boyer of Wisconsin, Joy Simonson of D.C., Gisela Saperstein of Illinois, Jean Hellmuth of Virginia, and many others. And so we had networks in every state.

With the exception of the National Federation of Business and Professional

Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, traditional women's organizations were not part of the national network.

The failure of the EEOC to enforce Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited discrimination because of sex, and the ridicule of some of the top officials angered many women, and it angered Congresswoman Martha Griffiths. She delivered a speech in Congress summarizing all evidence of discrimination against women in employment and attacking the EEOC. Mary Eastwood and I had a hand in drafting that speech. Martha had copies made and Phineas Indritz distributed it to over 1000 women and a few men at the 1966 conference on the Status of Women Commissions sponsored by the Council I worked for.

ENTER BETTY FRIEDAN

Meanwhile, Betty Friedan began research for a book on women and employment. She got in touch with Pauli Murray when she read about a speech Pauli had given at the conference, and Pauli directed her to me and to Mary Eastwood. We immediately began trying to persuade Betty to start an NAACP for women. Dick Graham, EEOC Commissioner, and Sonia Fuentes, an EEOC attorney, had told us that the law would not be enforced until there was a women's organization to pressure government.

I arranged for Betty to be invited to the next conference in June and gave her a list of those who might be interested in a militant approach. A very reluctant Betty agreed to meet with some women before the conference to explore the need for an organization. The rest is history. The network grew by leaps and bounds and became a movement. The Women's Equity Action League and women's caucuses in the professional organizations quickly followed with a particular appeal to academic and professional women.

NOW was a pioneer in calling attention to the gross discrimination against women in family law. Betty Spalding and Betty Berry headed a task force on Marriage, Divorce and the Family and published a newsletter. It has been a great disappointment to me that other organizations and the media have not been more interested in this aspect of discrimination.

We made our greatest progress during the Nixon-Ford administrations, 1969 to 1976, primarily because of some great

women who served during that time. Virginia Allan, who chaired a task force on women's rights and responsibilities then, is a truly unsung hero. Bert Whittaker and I did the staff work for the task force, which resulted from a meeting Vera Glaser, a reporter with the North American Newspaper Alliance, arranged with Arthur Burns, Counselor to President Nixon and Charles Clapp.

Every presidential advisory group recognized the importance of the role of homemaker. Rights of homemakers under support, property and divorce and inheritance laws are concrete evidence of the value society places on the homemaker's role. If women's work is not valued in the home, it has a low value outside the home.

My greatest frustration has been the lack of coverage in the national media of the many reforms advocated by all the advisory committees on women. Vera Glaser, one of our unsung heroes, has been an exception, along with Marilyn Goldstein, Pat McCormack and Dick Crouch. I felt personally that a true women's movement must include reforms in family law to correct the discrimination against the homemaker, who is the most vulnerable woman in society. Home is where all discrimination begins, including violence against women and sexual harassment.

The Senate Judiciary Committee fiasco in the Hill-Thomas hearings aroused women to the perceptual gulf between women and men and to the lack of true equality. Celia Morris in her upcoming book, *Bearing Witness*, says that since the hearings women have been telling truths we'd been taught to ignore and suppress. We must stop asking what did she do to deserve it or why did she stay — and ask, why did *he* do it?

We must change the balance of power to gain true equality. We must make common cause across race and class line, and must support women who are seeking equal power for women. As veterans of feminism, we are in a strong position to support our younger sisters still fighting the battle for true equality.

I want to close with the last paragraph from Betty's book, *It Changed My Life*:

"And yet I think some day we may look back and realize that these years of our passionate historic world-opening journey have been the most intense life

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Matriot/Patriot

Anne Hazlewood - Brady

We have summoned ourselves to celebrate Catherine East whose influence ranges afar from the House of Parliament to the Oval office, to countries, continents, and star, whose efforts in our direction have never flagged nor swayed though presidents have fallen, ideas have been mislaid, promises often rerouted, and dreams detoured along the way.

It all began on her grandmother's lap in a family of three generations, Molly taught her to read and to spell, and some of the subtler mathematics of life; to add empathy to knowledge, to subtract mistakes, to divide when necessary, and to multiply sparingly, by no means an imperative.

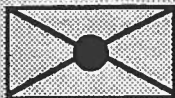
In her elemental, elementary years she attended a school for teachers where the faculty learned with the child, how to be thoughtful and caring, with a certain flare for daring, how to stand up for what one believes, when to join and when to leave, how to instruct instead of boss, how to behave through gain and loss, how to cherish our differences and begin to discover our matriots' past.

Like a moral compass she has guided us through the maze of bureaucracy, the foggy ruts of rhetoric, and the haze of media indifference, neither veering to left or right but stopping always for friends who needed a lift.

Such is the nature of her driving skills, whether escorting the torch to Houston or charging up Capitol Hills.

Now in the "silver livery of advised age" • we pause to reflect and remember how we longed to break through customs that kept us grounded in our stations, those places defined by a culture that did not, could not, would not believe that women intended to govern not only their lives, but their souls. Still struggling to maintain our goal to secure "a more perfect union" we seize this moment to welcome the future, created in part by the least of us, created at best by the Catherine East of us.

*Shakespeare



Mailbox

... "What a pleasant surprise to hear that VFA is throwing a big affair to honor such a worthy honoree as Catherine East."

... There was no mention of menu on the invitation. You can imagine I'd be interested as I firmly believe it's wrong to eat our animals, and I believe as firmly that feminism means more than just equal rights for women, but is about oppression and cruelty to women, men and all sentient beings."

Elizabeth

(Dr. Elizabeth Farians, a founding member of NOW and head of first task force on religion, has left organized religion and is interested in animal rights. For information on Feminists for Animal Rights, write to P.O.B. 594 Cathedral Sta., NYC 10025.

... "It is fitting that I join the Veteran Feminists on my mother's 86th birthday. By luck (of the Goddess, again) I'll be at RPI in Troy that week, so I'll be at the dinner". Sheila Tobias

AMONG REGRETS — Roxcy Bolton, Cindy Cisler, Shulamith Firestone, Jo Freeman, Ann Koedt, Mary Adelaide McIntire, Alice Rossi, Bernice Sandler. And Janet Renol

... "I still think we should go with the name Veteran's of Feminist Wars and let'em sue us. One, we don't have any money anyway and two, we could never afford all the publicity we'd get from such a suit." Kay Wight

"Not only have our attorneys advised against using this name, so have veterans who themselves have been sued for using "trade" names and the price was steep. In our case I would be sued. Can't take that chance. Sorry. It's a great loss to me, too. However many of our members prefer the new name."

Jacqui

— **URGENT!** all who attended May 26 event and did not leave your signature for a COM-MEMORATIVE SCARF, sign your Jane Doe on card and mail ASAP to jacqui. Include your color/material preference for 30"

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we, or anyone, could ever experience....for we have lived the second American revolution, and our very anger said a new "YES" to life."

Betty, We salute you for making our journey possible.

For a complete copy of Catherine's speech, send stamped, addressed envelope to VFA

Sorry there isn't space to print excerpts from talks given by: Boyer, Eastwood, Graham and Haener, perhaps in another newsletter. For copies of these and Vera Glaser's speech send stamped, addressed envelope to VFA.

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out the Hymn to Catherine. There was a hush as Hazlewood-Brady read her beautiful "Matriot/Patriot". Still, would we had the acoustics of Carnegie Hall.

Boyer, Fuente, Haener, Graham and Eastwood gave brief tributes, standing in for Betty Friedan. I placed the VFA Medal of Honor around Catherine's neck. After Catherine spoke we gave her a standing ovation, and one by one, the veterans walked up and in tribute handed her a carnation.

Somehow, it was almost eleven o'clock — closing time at the Armory. Guests were dispersing when Steinem and Mary Jean Tully rushed up to "sing our song" and with laughing eyes and a bit off key sang a delightful song of thanks —to me! For which I thank them.

This first honorary ceremony was reminiscent of our early days —much like things used to be — without money, riding on enthusiasm. This year's event happened, thanks to Irma Newmark, Dorothy Senerchia and Joan Michel who jumped in wholeheartedly to help me, working before, during and after office hours. And now we have a Committee for '94 to see that next year's will be as good or better!

See you next year!

Jacqui

square: Navy, White, Beige, Red, Maroon, Grey, Silver (most popular color will be chosen). Material - silk, polyester pongee.

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October 1st deadline.

NEWS ITEMS

BEIJING '95, United Nations Conference. Women of the world will meet to examine how countries have fulfilled requirements of The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. One hundred and ten countries have ratified the convention. The USA has not. Write to your senator demanding action.

OUR MOLE IN BEIJING...

Dian Terry, former Information Director of NOW (in the 70's) is Vice President and General Manager of Hill and Knowlton Asia Ltd. in Beijing, China. Her job? To advise Chinese government on finer points of feminism and coordinate all activities with the United Nations for the International Conference on Women in 1995. Her address: Hill and Knowlton Asia Ltd. Public Relations/Public Affairs, Scite Tower, Suite 2307, 22 Jianguomenwai Ave., Beijing 100004, People's Republic of China. Tel (86-1) 512-3524/512-3638 Fax (86-1) 512-4381.

TREES AND SYMPATHY - Kate Millett has a Christmas tree farm cum Arts Colony. For information contact Millett Tree Farm, 20 Old Overlook Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. (news item copied from "The Getting It Gazette"...451 West 24th St., NYC 10011, Tel -212/229-0763 Fax 0758.)

LOUISE BERNIKOW is writing a chronicle of the last 25 years, *The Secret History of Feminism in Our Time*. She wants to get in touch with any feminist of that era (that's us) who's interested. Call her at (212) 662-6307.

PIONEER FEMINISTS GET A SHRINE in Seneca Falls, NY — At last! On July 31, 19 life size bronze statues were unveiled of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Mary Ann McClintock, Frederick Douglass and others who attended the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848. The statues are not on pedestals, but standing about, much as they would have been on that occasion. Write for information on this and other events, including 1993 Honors Ceremonies on October 9 to National Women's Hall of Fame—76 Fall St., Seneca Falls, NY 13148 - 315/568-8060.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS - (Presidents of all major women's organizations) are meeting to devise a plan to better represent massive numbers of women. For more information get in touch with Flora Crater of "The Woman Activist", 2310 Barbour Rd, Falls Church, Va 22043-2940.

BETTY FRIEDAN is well and thriving in her home in the Hamptons. Her book *The Fountain of Age* will be out in the fall.

MUCH MISSED at May 26 event...

Toni Carabillo and Judith Meuli. Toni, NOW's first vice-president of public relations, long-time national board member, a founder of Los Angeles NOW and co-editor with partner Judith Meuli of NOW's national newspaper from 1970 to 1973 and 1977 to 1985, couldn't travel because she was having chemotherapy for lymphatic cancer. Judith, also a long-time national board member, reports that a new experimental treatment has worked miracles on Toni, so both are planning to be at the 1994 event.

COMMEMORATIVE POSTER

Veterans wrote names on a poster of those no longer with us for a projected commemorative poster or plaque. Listed were Inka O'Hanrahan, Pauli Murray, Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, Althea Simmons, Ann Scott, Morag Simchak, Carol Cox, Marguerite Rawalt, Carruthers Berger, Sylvia Ellison, Caroline Ward, Anna Arnold Hedgman, Ruth Wiejand, Pamela Curtis, Catherine Conroy, Gwendolyn Cherry, Helen Dudley, Evelyn Whitlow, Ollie Butler-Moore, Tish Sommers, Parke Bowman, Carol Burris, June Arnold, Issaca Siegel, Sonnie Wainwright, Harriet Pilpel, Jean Rich, Eve Merriam, Ellen Frankfort, Elizabeth Fisher, Pat McQuillan, Clara de Mija, Ruth Wood, Vicki Pelligrino, Vana Earle, Aldo Bonnuri, Katherine Heath, Virginia Blackwell, Mabel Vernon, Helen Dudley, Evelyn Whitlow, Betty Jo Prysi, Ruth Wigand, Audre Lorde, Jean Powers, Wilma Scott Heide, Marjorie MacInnes, Dr. Ann Clay, Andrea Cazan. Added this year, Jane Field.

VIDEO TAKEN OF THE EVENT WAS A BUST - Another eventful moment lost to history. Maybe next year.

Committee for '94

Some of us met with Catherine and others on May 27. What was to be a goodbye breakfast developed into the Committee for '94, as enthusiastic veterans expressed interest in next year's event and VFA in general. With great dispatch Mary Jean Tully chaired and sub-committees were formed in less than an hour.

Committee chairs urgently need your help. Select your pet project and get in touch with whom ever is in charge. Addresses are in membership list.

COMMITTEE FOR '94 - (Director is on all committees)

FundRaising - Mary Jean Tully, Catherine East, Mary Eastwood

Conference - (to research and recommend site and date) Catherine East, Mary Eastwood, Nikki Beare

Honoree - (research and make recommendations as to who should be honored) — Catherine East, Mary Eastwood, Sonia Fuentes, Dorothy Haener

Program - (planning and production) Virginia Corsi, Ivy Botini, Bede Ulrich, Cindy Judd Hill

Any takers for press and public relations?

Newsletter — Joan Michel, Toni Carabillo, Judy Meuli, Janet Elsea. Though not present, all had volunteered beforehand. Jacqui agreed to get out issue on "wrap-up" of this year's event.

OTHER COMMITTEES:

International - (finding international veterans, encouraging them to reunite and form an international coalition with VFA, planning participation in United Nations Int. Women's Conference in 1995 in Beijing) — Sonia Fuentes, Irma Newmark, Joan Michel

Anthology - Antonia Blackmon (See Anthology)

Mentoring /Continuity - (reaching out to younger women, teaching skills of activism) Gene Boyer, Janice LaRouche

Correspondence - (writing to government leaders to comment, applaud or criticize) Catherine East will advise us on this.

Directory - (of members, with addresses, bios to be sold to members as a fund-raiser) — Flora Crater

Membership - (finding and enlisting veterans into VFA) — Sonia Fuentes (How about you, too?)

Legal Matters and Legislative Action (to help with VFA legal matters, and advise membership through director about action members or VFA as an entity could take) — Nikki Beare, Elaine Gordon, Mary Eastwood, Margot Champagne

Administrative consultants - (to advise and help director on ongoing administrative affairs) Dorothy Senerchia, Joan Michel, Irma Newmark, Mary Eastwood, Mary Jean Tully

**Do you remember our song Battle
"Hymn of Freedom"?**

Words by Ruth Herschburger....

Our eyes can see the future
And rejoice at what's to be
Every woman in position
To achieve equality
We will vote ourselves in power
By our own majority
For its liberation time!

We used the same stirring tune, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (written by a woman) for this Hymn to Catherine

HYMN TO CATHERINE

We are gathered here this evening
in perfect harmony
to rejoice in our reunion
and renew our amity,
And to celebrate a hero
who began this odyssey,
And we go marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory hallelujah
Yes we are marching on.

And so we thank you Catherine
for all that you have done
for women, for humanity,
for battles we have won,
You sowed the seeds of feminism
and helped it to mature
and that's why we're all here.

Glory, glory, Catherine East
Thank you, thank you, Catherine East,
Glory, glory and a hallelujah too,
Catherine East we all love you!

**THE BIAS-FREE WORD FINDER - A
Dictionary of Nondiscriminatory Lan-
guage** by Rosalie Maggio - Beacon
Press, Boston.

hero/heroine—use "hero" for both men
and women even though it is the mascu-
line form of the Greek word, while
"heroine" is the feminine (although one
of mythology's best-known couples was
Hero and Leander, and Hero was not
the manly half). In English, a heroine is
defined as "a female hero", that is, a
subset of hero. Some sensitive writers
and speakers feel there is a certain ac-
ceptability for a gender-fair use of
"hero" and "heroine", but given the
record of the serious devaluation and
discounting of woman-associated words
in our society, it seems best to support
one neutral term.

A GREAT LOSS - Jane Field, age 73,
departed this world in June this year. A
writer of wit and pathos, Jane had worked
at J. Walter Thompson's the NYC ad
agency until 1970 when she became a
full-time NOW activist. A founder and
president of the first feminist speaker's
bureau, NEW FEMINIST TALENT,
Jane managed the lecture tours of many
of our "stars". Ten years ago she made
medical history when she survived pan-
creatic cancer, then returned to her home-
town, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and spent
active years helping her community and
working for feminism until a stroke si-
lenced her. Her spirit lives on and she
will be always remembered for her
warmth, and devotion to friends. She
was greatly loved, and will be missed.

**ANTHOLOGY TO BE
PUBLISHED**

Do you want to set the record straight
about your part in our herstory? Do you
want to tell your story, share your feelings
about this vital period of your life? Antonia
Blackmon is asking for your contribution;
essay, article, poem, journal, or diatribe;
focusing in on a personal truth, a water-
shed moment, how the movement impacted
on your life, or how you shaped its direc-
tion, whatever. Length 500 to 1000
words including brief bio. Type double-
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IBM compatible in WordPerfect. Four
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- October 1st, 1993. Antonia will do mini-
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If you're interested write or call Antonia
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*Antonia, a writer and teacher, was found-
ing president of D.C. NOW and convenor
of NOW's first conference, an advisor to
Members of Congress, represented NOW
and National Women's Party before Con-
gressional Committees, and wrote
backgrounders for Rep. Martha Griffiths'
ERA discharge petition.*

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This Anniversary issue is entirely the
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ticles, book reviews, stories, news
items, ideas, comments. We need cor-
respondents from your area. Anyone
interested?

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VFA is supported by dues and
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| \$50 | \$30 |
| Other | |

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work of women and men who actively
participated in the women's movement
from 1960 - 1975, formed to rekindle the
spark and spirit of the feminist revolution,
through reunions and newsletters, to honor
and preserve our accomplishments, and to
act as "keeper of the flame" so that our
original commitment to the ideals of femi-
nism continues to reverberate and influ-
ence others.

VFA is in the process of incorporating
and obtaining 501 C 3 status.

If you are interested in joining, send dues,
(check made out to VFA) brief bio and
feminist herstory to above address.

*Her tireless dedication earned our admiration and
respect. Her warmth and patience has earned our
love. She nourished us when we were poor of spirit,
sustained us in our need, educated us, cherished us,
until feminism thrived and bore fruit again
in the summer of our second wave.
We, the Veteran Feminists of America, in gratitude
and love, award our first Medal of Honor
to
Catherine East
May 26, 1993*

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