



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HISTORY OF WWII, FNA

Charlotte McFall Fallon and Mary Oldehoff Stehle began bringing Flight nurses together in 1948.

For several years, Mary and Charlotte persevered in getting the Flight Nurses to reunite. During some years, the meetings were held every 2 to 3 months. Occasionally, flight surgeons and technicians joined the group.



Charlotte McFall Fallon



Mary Oldehoff Stehle

In 1963, a 20th Anniversary meeting was held at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. For many of us, it was an introduction to the "new" air evacuation plane - oh, so much more space, and the new technology on board was a delight to behold.

Mary Oldehoff Stehle coordinated the meeting; Mildred Osmun Beeman was elected President and Mary O. Stehle, Treasurer. The dues was \$5.00.

In 1966, Kay Shafer Mayhue compiled the first roster she was elected President. Kay served as President, 1966-1973.

In 1968, Leora Stroup, Kay Shafer Mayhue and Mary Oldehoff Stehle presented the Story of Early Air Evacuation to the flight nurses at the School of Air Evacuation at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. A movie was made of the program and placed in a time capsule. In 1986, Mary O. Stehle, Denzil Nagle and Ethel C. Cerasale planned and carried out a meeting at Cocoa Beach/Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Ethel was appointed as temporary chair, Denzil as vice-chair and Mary as Secretary.



Denzil Nagle



Ethel C. Cerasale

1988 the first "national" meeting was held in San Antonio, Texas. About 200 nurses plus husbands and guests attended. Co-Chairs Margaret Raffa and Claire Murphy and the committee did a super job for this historic meeting. It was voted to incorporate in Florida as a non-profit, veteran organization. Ethel Carlson Cerasale was designated President and Denzil Nagle and Mary Stehle agreed to continue in their respective roles.

Note: A more complete summary of the history of WWII FNA can be found on page 5 of THE STORY OF AIR EVACUATION, 1942-1989.