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*Major Anna Janes, representing the British Embassy at an event "Thanks!" arranged for the United Kingdom to thank Rosies.*

"We were beautiful chicks, but not chicken. We really stepped out, and it changed us and our children. Until recently we were invisible even to those who are supposed to know what makes history. 'We can do it!' is not even half right. We can, we did, and we're trying still, if people will only pay attention."

*Buddie Curnutte, June, 2013.*

"We pull better when we pull together."

*Common saying that Dot May, Riveter in Hagerstown, MD remembers.*

"One loose rivet could catch in the wind and tear the whole wing off the plane. Doing a good job meant saving lives. Savin' lives was what we was about."

*Mazie Mullins, Goodyear, Akron, OH, Plant C.*

"Troop trains were packed. But me and my two babies in diapers were treated so good by the soldiers when we rode for days on the train to Portland, Oregon. They helped take care of my 2-year-old boy, when he was afraid. It was a time we all pulled together. Work was the same. No nonsense."

*Doris Aletemeier, Welder, Portland, OR.*

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*Major Anna Janes, appointed by British Embassy to thank American Rosies, Nov. 20, 2010.*

"I am a Rosie who has worked closely with Anne and Rosies since 2009. The beauty in this work is that Anne sees the beauty in us Rosies. She has made our lives more meaningful by including us in decisions and work that gives us credit for our past and present work for America. Anne is gifted and very experienced. No one else would or could do what she does. She isn't paid and even gives from her meager income. We call her, "Our Mother" though she's almost a generation younger than us."

*July, 2013, Buddie Curnutte, Rosie who worked in Buffalo, NW.*

"I've learned from these women. They epitomize "quiet strength" in the jobs that they stepped into (without reservation) and the nature in which they accepted their new role in our country. The City of Brunswick is a historic railroad town and railroads were critical during the war. Without the Rosies work to keep the railroads running then, our community would not have been able to function as well. Their physical work back then has made it easier for ALL women to step into traditionally "male" roles, such as politics.

I'm the second female Mayor for Brunswick and am determined to make Rosies proud of the way that I govern - quietly, but strongly! Brunswick has committed to help "Thanks!" show Americans that almost any town can locate and work with their

Rosies to leave something for all Americans, now and into the future, and help to them to realize that women will always make a difference.”

*Karin Tome, Mayor, Brunswick, MD.*

“All I can say is wow. My only regret about this trip is that we didn't get to spend any quality time with you. Those ladies owe you so much and it is incredible what you've done with all of them. I know they are truly special but so are you and we wouldn't have been able to pull any of this together without your help and guidance. Thanks so much for all of your expertise and help enlisting so many behind the scenes helpers.

I know our other Ann heard your name over and over again during the interview but I wanted to include her here on the email so that she knows what vital part of the project you were to us at the Today Show as well. Please look out for a little something coming your way next week from all of us. We'll be in touch in the coming months but I had to take a moment to send my thanks.

Sincerely,

Robin” (Sindler, Today Show)

“Anne,

And I heartily concur from the peanut gallery!

It is clear you have made an overwhelming difference in the lives of Rosies and their families. What a legacy for you and your own family.

Thank you for making it easy for us to shine a light on women who deserve to be known!

Of course, remembering the "set," perhaps I should say a LOT of lights!

Warmly and with admiration,

Ann Curry” (Today Show)

“I am a back-row person. An English war-bride. After all these years of being a hillbilly with a Limey accent, I see your work from two sides of the allied effort and from youth and old age. You bring me out - make me feels so welcome. I never realized till now how important we women were for freedom, and now I wonder why no one asked before. I am so glad to be able to help.

Just to think that we West Virginia “Rosies” are leading the way so show what we can do today, at our age, is a real boost. We old ladies do have something to give, and now we can show it.”

*Dorothy Foster, British War Bride and defense worker in England at age 14, Culloden, WV.*

“It is impressive on so many levels, this internationally recognized and supported.”

*John Fox, poetry for healing expert.*

"I love these old ladies. They tell wonderful stories. I'm glad they get to be heard before they pass."

*Angelica Hope Allison, age 11.*

"These gals are the finest America has to offer. But they are dying. Let's get the show on the road!"

*Bill Ramsey, Chairman, WV Labor History Coalition.*

"The Rosies have provided (anonymous Rosie) with a positive outlook; a reason to get dressed up and shine! A way to love again and to share of herself and accept love in return from her new friends; realization that when she decided to step out, back in the 1940s, and give to her country, she did give something of honor. Most importantly, Rosies have provided her honor for her life here on earth."

*The best friend of a West Virginia Rosie.*

"I'm telling all my veterans' reps in the field to see the Rosie the Riveter film. The war couldn't have been won without them. As we help vets find jobs, we should all know this history and how great these ladies are today."

*Ken Deel, Workforce West Virginia.*

"The scars on my face and hands from the fire my dad pulled me from when I was a little girl did not seem to bother the people I worked with. We worked hard, and we respected each other – we had to, freedom was at stake. Our brothers, our husbands were dying. All we could think of was how to get our boys home... (I) always been a good worker."

*Anonymous Rosie*