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[Interviewer: When you think about your time in the service, how proud are you to say that you were a veteran and that you served your country?]

Carol Deom: [Very proud.] That is one experience that I am glad that I went through. The hardships, the sad times and good times, it's one experience that I am very proud. You can go through all kinds of life experiences and that, serving my country, is one that makes me very proud, and these protesters, especially during the Vietnam War, you know, I could never, never really understand why they did that. That was -- you got to understand, I was young and I can never understand why they protested and why they were not proud to fight for their country, and the ones that went to Canada and, you know, I just couldn't understand it until I got a little bit older and I had a son myself and I thought he's 17 and 18 years old going to a foreign country and having to shoot somebody you don't even know. That's got to be scary. No wonder they protested. I'm proud that I served, but I will not put anyone down that was a deserter.

Interviewer: When you think about it, how proud are you to be a Marine?

Carol Deom: Very proud. The Marine Corps is a tough branch. They all are respectable branches. Marine Corps just drills into your head that you're the best.