



# Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History

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# Who We are and What We Do

- ▶ Established 1968
- ▶ Over 6000 oral history interviews in our collection
- ▶ Train students, faculty, and members of the community
- ▶ Teach students how to take history out in to the public
- ▶ Collaborate with legislators, community organizations, local government agencies, on these projects.

# Collaboration w/Orange County Great Park/City of Irvine

- ▶ 2007-2019
- ▶ Conducted oral histories, sat on the Great Park History Committee, collaborated on two *Farmers to Flyers* exhibitions – one in the Fullerton Arboretum (2009) and one at the Orange County Great Park (2013)
- ▶ Multiple Oral History-Based Performances to veterans and their families
- ▶ In Fall 2018 students in Dr. Cawthra's class worked with the OC Great Park again on a new exhibition, *A Brief History of the El Toro Air Show, 1950-1997*

# Farmers to Flyers at OCGP



# El Toro Homecoming 2010



# International Collaboration: Lange Tafel Project/Long Table

- ▶ Long Table Los Angeles, 2016
- ▶ Collaboration with Sister Cities, German Consul General, and Lange Tafel organization in Germany

# Women, Politics, and Activism Project

- ▶ Interviews with 300+ women in politics and women activists
- ▶ Traveling Exhibition: *Visions of Justice, Voices of Change* (4 locations over two years)
- ▶ Collaborators: Fullerton Arboretum, LA County and OC school teachers, California Women's Legislative Caucus, State Library, Sharon Quirk-Silva's office, Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture, Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee, and Los Angeles Central Library

# Challenges and Opportunities

- ▶ Time commitment
- ▶ Challenge of Involving Students
- ▶ Benefits of Involving Students
- ▶ Benefits of collaborating with entities on and off campus