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Gemini 14 Memories

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Gemini 14

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Memories shared by Nancy (Baker) Pollard

Hometown: Clarksville, Indiana

Why I chose WKU: WKU offered a double major.

My major: Elementary Education and Music

My class: 1968

Gemini Bands: Gemini 14

Instruments: Trombone

Tours: Guantanamo Bay, Panama, San Salvador, Puerto Rico

Friends: We all worked well together with no conflicts. Most of us were friends already from the music department.

Memories: Loved living in the yellow house on Guantanamo Bay. We got to go to beautiful beach areas there, horse back riding, and they gave us a big going away party with nice gifts engraved with Guantanamo Bay on it. In Panama we got to go to the Panama Canal and boat ride in the canal area. Went and saw snakes and other native reptiles on display and watch their keepers handle them and allowed

to hold them too if we wanted. On San Salvador we got to visit many monuments and ruins. Puerto [Rico] had the rain forest we got to tour. Beautiful trees and foliage. Getting to visit one of the old forts with the moat around it was a highlight of our visit there. We got to visit with the soldiers after our performances and spend one on one time with them. Made some good friendships. The pilots took us with them when they would go to refuel the plane so we got to visit Antigua and Nassau this way. On Nassau we saw where one of the James Bond movies was filmed and shopped in the straw market and shops on the island. On Antigua we enjoyed drinks and listening to a steel band.

Benefits: I have the knowledge and experience of making a difference in soldiers lives. They loved our performances and got the opportunity to escape the stress of training for desert deployment especially in Panama.