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My last name sounds like plum with a b. Sarah Blum

Bio information:

She is a decorated nurse Vietnam veteran who earned the Army Commendation Medal serving as an operating room nurse at the 12th Evacuation Hospital Cu Chi, Vietnam during the height of the fighting in 1967. She received her Bachelor's Degree, Summa Cum Laude, from Seattle University and her Master's, Cum Laude, from U. W. and at age 86, Sarah is a retired nurse psychotherapist with over 34 years experience working with PTSD and trauma resolution.

Sarah was a finalist in the Pacific Northwest Writer's Association 2012 Writing Contest in Memoir and her Op Ed's "Sexual Abuse in the Military Needs to be Brought to Light", was published July 2012 in The Seattle Times, "Sex Crimes Continue to Plague the U.S. Military," was published in Truthout in January 2013 and in February 2014, "Our Military: Fighting to Keep its Culture of Abuse." Was published in Truthout.

Her authentic passionate voice reverberates through the pages of Women Under Fire: Abuse in the Military and her most recent book Warrior Nurse: PTSD and Healing. Her website is:
<http://womenunderfire.net>

Questions: Depending on length of show interview choose best

1. How did you come to write about the culture of abuse toward women in our military?
2. Specifically what did you learn about that culture?
3. You did interviews with women veterans about this subject. Tell us about their stories and what you learned.
4. Who are the men who commit these sexual assaults?
5. What are the male attitudes toward women in our military?
6. Has there been a military cover up?
7. What happens to women who are sexually assaulted in the military?
8. What needs to happen to end this culture of abuse you describe?
9. Tell us about sexual predators in the military.
10. Is it true that women are considered government property and there is no justice for them?
11. What are the male attitudes like toward women in the military?
12. Can you tell us about some of the women who were sexually assaulted?
13. What needs to be done to end this culture of abuse toward women in our military?
14. What can the public do to help bring about this change?

Questions for Warrior Nurse: PTSD and Healing

1. Tell us about your service as an operating room nurse at the 12th Evacuation Hospital at Cu Chi, Vietnam.
2. I am sure you have many stories. Are there any that stand out for you that you can share with us now?
3. How close were you to the fighting?
4. Did you ever get mortared?
5. Did you have to deal with the Viet Cong or the North Vietnamese army?
6. What are some of the stories that you are willing to share now?
7. What was it like for you returning home after your year in Vietnam?
8. What services were available for you and other women veterans when you returned home?
9. You wrote about your own PTSD. Tell us about that?
10. Since you were a nurse psychotherapist healing PTSD for 34 years tell us what you can about all that you learned.