1. During World War II women filled in at jobs in the factories, gas stations, and other jobs traditionally reserved for men.

2. My recollection of Rosie the Riveter was a picture of a woman in a shirtwaist with a riveting gun in her hand. These posters were on telephone and light poles along with being plastered on the sides of buildings.

3. I had an aunt who worked in a rubber factory where they made rubber boots and other items needed in inclement weather.

4. I really don't know what their responsibilities were at work.

5. I don't remember any other event except the knowledge
that America was producing munitions and equipment which were being shipped to England in the lend-lease agreement we had with England.

6. Many women returned home because their jobs were filled by returning "G" boys, others stayed and started careers outside of the home.

7. Women became empowered by these changes. Some women became financially independent. Many women soon realized that they were being discriminated against (paying taxes for the same jobs as men) and the only way to guarantee equality in pay and benefits was to unionize.

During the war years we had rationing. Butter, sugar and gas were the items I remember being rationed. It was also at this time that women
started to wear slacks. The rationing was controlled by
coupons needed to buy sugar,
butler and gas. It was during
this time that people purchased
War Bonds at work. The mails
were delivered from other
days. Everyone was reminded
to write letters to servicemen
to help with morale. V.S.O
clubs were everywhere.
U.S.A. - war club life.
Servicemen could eat, and
socialize without having any
costs. A serviceman received
a very small paycheck. Most
Americans felt that it was
charitable to support the
servicemen. Families had
small flags in their windows
with a star to represent the
serviceman. If it was a gold
star, it meant that the serviceman
had been killed.

Thank you for the opportunity to
communicate with you. Sincerely,
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