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Wilmington, DE - Journalist Nancy E. Lynch, author of the award-winning book, *Vietnam Mailbag, Voices From the War: 1968-1972*, and Vietnam veteran Rick Lovekin will join forces for a program at 6 p.m., June 27, 2018 at the Delaware History Museum. This presentation is sponsored by the Delaware Historical Society and is underwritten by the Delaware Humanities.

About Nancy E. Lynch:

A former staff reporter for The News Journal in Delaware, Lynch will read selected correspondence from servicemen featured in her book, based on the nearly 1,000 letters and hundreds of pictures mailed to her popular News Journal column *Nancy's Mailbag* in the 1960s and 70s. For five years Nancy received correspondence from our troops on the front lines during the undeclared and polarizing war.

In her final column in December 1972 she promised "her guys" she would someday put all their war letters and pictures in a book to honor them. The 2008 Veterans Day release of her 456-page social history fulfills her pledge. The book earned a gold medal from *Independent Publisher* in 2009 for Best Non-Fiction in the Mid-Atlantic.

About Rick Lovekin:

A medical disability could have provided a means for Lovekin to avoid service in Vietnam, he chose instead to enlist in the Army and spent a year in combat as a door gunner on a Huey helicopter and later as crew chief on a Cobra chopper. He was based in Bien Hoa and Vung Tau with the 147th Helicopter Company.

He wrote frequently to Lynch during his 1969-1970 tour, always signing his letters, "Your Man in Nam." He will share some of his combat experiences as well as a DVD of images from Vietnam enhanced with 1960s music. Now retired, Lovekin, formerly of New Castle County, lives in North East, MD.

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This event is Free but reservations are requested by calling 302-655-7161 or going to dehistory.org/calendar. Free Parking courtesy of Colonial Parking at the lot on West 6th & Shipley Streets. Metered parking is always free in Wilmington on the weekend.

About the Delaware Historical Society:

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark, Read House & Gardens located in Old New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org, or visit www.dehistory.org.

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