

[OH2147.Carroll_file1_access_clip1.mp3]
[00:51:43]

Halaska: All right: Are there any other stories or anything else you would like to say about that first deployment?

Carroll: No, I mean other than, like I said, I had met, and, again, another one of those we all knew but a great group of friends, lesbians, that were just like I said to this day Facebook friends and lived with a lot of 'em after—I never dated any of 'em. We kept all that separate because on a ship that could get, You're doing what? [Laughs] You didn't play that. And again, this was before “Don't Ask/Don't Tell” so you didn't even play it, you just, you know, we were just a bunch of friends going out and having fun.

Halaska: Mm-hm.

Carroll: [lowers voice] But everybody knew it.

Halaska: But everyone knew. Was there any, I guess, tension between the straight girls and the non-straight girls?

Carroll: I never had any issue. Again, I think *politically* it was made such a big deal about gays being in the military but in the real world in the military it was not made a big deal. It just wasn't. It was our politicians saying, Well, they're gonna convert and they're gonna—you know, I wasn't out there to convert any straight woman. I had no intentions [Halaska laughs]. I was gay and that's what I wanted to hang out with. You know, were there situations at times—and, again, it never happened to me—that someone might be offended by the fact that, you know, there were a couple of us that were hanging out a little bit too much together? I'm sure there was but none of it was ever brought to my attention. I mean I was never approached by any of the senior leadership saying just tone it down. Not then. No.