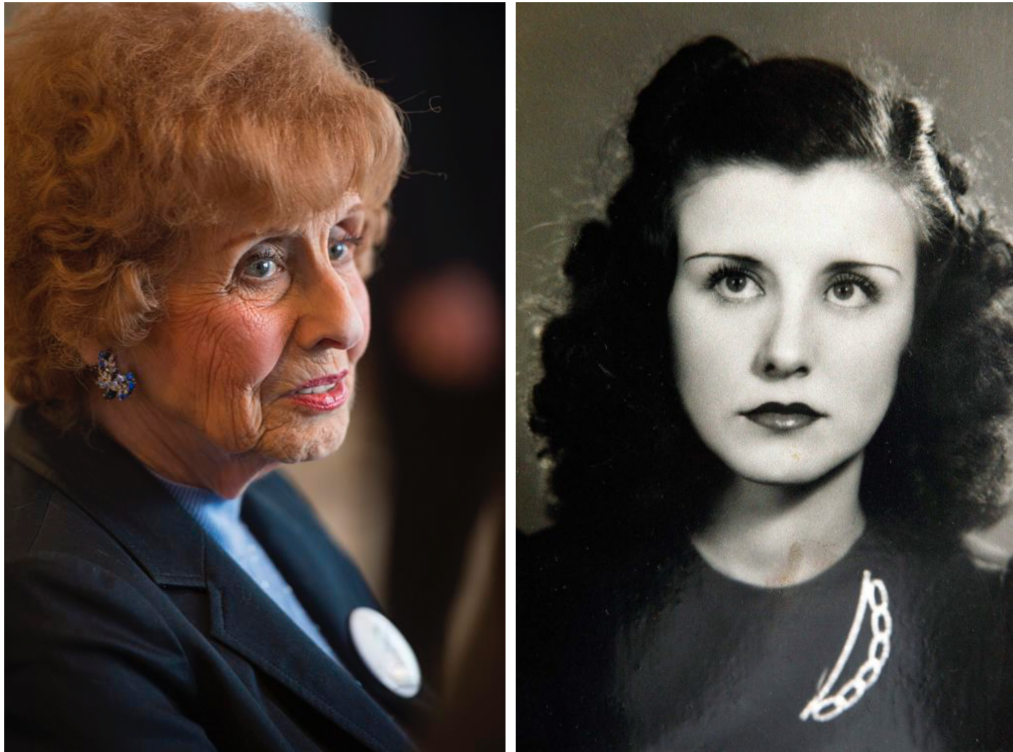


Spirit of '45 Day Spokeswoman

Elinor Otto

"America's Longest Working Rosie the Riveter" is helping to keep the Spirit of '45 alive

"Still going great at 98!"



Meet Elinor August 11

The Spirit of '45 is celebrated on the second weekend of August each year to honor the men and women who were the 'ordinary heroes' of the Greatest Generation and their 'can-do' attitude and service to community.

Elinor Otto began working as a riveter at Rohr in Chula Vista in 1942, and continued building airplanes until she was 95, earning her the sobriquet of "America's Longest Working Rosie the Riveter." Elinor represents the millions of women who made history on the Home Front during WWII, nearly 70 per cent of whom worked in the aviation industry during WWII.

On August 11 Elinor will return to Chula Vista to visit Building 1 at old Rohr where she worked during the war and to dedicate a Memorial Garden at the Veterans Home. SBHS members are invited to meet Elinor at a Town Meeting in the Civic Library auditorium at 3 pm on Saturday, August 11. Steve Schoenherr will moderate this meeting and Elinor will answer questions from the audience.