

JANET STOUT

PAST AND FUTURE

this has been an awesome, awesome career; I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world, I just finished my 30th year last month so I've been an inspector for 30 years, it is incredible, the, um, changes in the Inspection Service from when I first came in. Um, the uh-women are, um, pretty much accepted now, particularly the younger generation of guys that come in, they never knew it in any other way so it never, uh, enters their mind that-that a woman sitting at the desk is a, is a, um, surprise. Um, I've been off and on during my career, work-served as training officer and really saw three real different generations that the men that I came in with, that you know this is something new, and something that had to be quote dealt with, uh, something that posed a problem for a lot of them and then the second generation where when those men's daughters were getting old enough to go into the workplace, um, they often suddenly, um-uh, developed a real understanding for some of the things that were going on when they had to see it through the eyes of their daughters and some of them, their wives, and then there's the third generation where it's just simply not an issue, and it's not an issue for the men or the women, and as I said I've got some, some uh, good friends that are-are female agents that are rather young and they just cannot believe some of the things that happened, um, at the time, and how why it was such a big issue so—but all in all it's been a fabulous career, I am so glad I did it and, uh-um, I wouldn't change it.