



Debbie Desch Anderson is the only child of Joe Desch, an engineer, and his wife Dorothy. She was born after World War II but grew up often hearing her parents' conversations about their war-time experience. These always left her puzzled.

In 1971, shortly after graduating from the University of Dayton her mother Dorothy died. After that, Debbie began sitting with her father and listening to his stories. For 16 years after that, in the company of husband and children, she heard stories of Naval Officers and WAVES, of a nameless machine that ran so fast spools would fly off and go through the ceiling, of parties, visitors and more.

When her father died Debbie found his collection of documents related to his career, including World War II. She began to understand the importance of his secret work at NCR in World War 2. Because of a growing curiosity, and spurred on by his colleagues and then the project veterans, She has spent these last 30 years tracking down leads, visiting libraries and the National Archives, and more.