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years ago, I decided maybe I would try it. I got on their website, and they said to make a video and send it to them for consideration."

Eubanks' daughter, Robin Casey of Woodstock, helped her make a video to submit over the internet.

"Several months went by and I got an email from them that they had received it, and that they were going to come to Atlanta to hold auditions at a downtown hotel," Eubanks said. "They invited me to come, so my daughter and I both went."

"We did the audition process there along with a lot of other people, and we made the final cut."

Added Eubanks, "This was April of 2017. About a year later, my daughter received a call that they didn't think they were going to be doing a family show that season, and would we consider appearing single, and she said yes."

Several more months went by before Eubanks got another email at the beginning of October this year, with show producers inviting her out to the Sony Studios in Los Angeles, California, to tape an episode on Oct. 10.

"We had to fill out a lot of paperwork and answer a lot of questions, which is why they knew I was a veteran and why I was asked to be on their Veterans Week show," said



Faye Eubanks served in the Women's Army Corps right out of high school, from August 1958 to August 1961.

Eubanks, who in 1958 joined the Women's Army Corps right out of high school.

The U.S. Army vet said she was extremely nervous during her time on set in Los Angeles.

"There were 15 of us because they were taping five shows, and we were together all day," Eubanks said. "Everyone was nervous, but it was quite an experience."

"Vanna (White) came into the room where we were sequestered and said she just wanted to meet us. Pat (Sajak) we just met on the set as we were beginning to tape."

Eubanks ended up winning an all-cash total of \$12,500 playing Wheel of Fortune, though there is a 120-day waiting period before she'll see the money.

As far as what she plans to spend her winnings on, Eubanks said that, first, she'll give 10% to her church. And though she could use a new dishwasher, she might also save the money for a trip next year, but nothing is definite right now.

Speaking on the actual

experience of spinning the Wheel of Fortune, Eubanks said it was "pretty heavy."

"It was really hard for me to spin it," Eubanks said. "The stronger men can spin it easily, but for little women, it was really hard."

The heavy wheel was certainly worth the winnings, but she got more out of the trip than just money, she said.

"It was kind of a bucket list thing for me. I enjoyed watching the show so much over all the years that I just wanted to be on it," Eubanks said, adding that she thought of her husband throughout her performance and imagined him smiling down on her. "It was all I thought it would be. I enjoyed the whole process."

Eubanks' daughter Robin accompanied her out to Los Angeles, as she "definitely ... needed some backup."

"Everyone out there in the Sony Studio was very nice to all of us," she said. "I think that's important to mention."

Continuing, Eubanks said, "If there's something that you've dreamed of doing, give it a try. You never know."

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