"The Changing Face Of Courage" Exhibit Opens

When you hear the words Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Air Man, Coast Guardsman, Veteran or courage...what image comes to mind?

In October 2017, the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation is thrilled to announce the opening of a collection of portraits created by New York artist Dave Rappaport. With this exhibit, the Women’s Memorial seeks to expand the perception of citizens who have raised their right hand and volunteered to serve in America’s Armed Forces.

Over the next 20 years and beyond, the Foundation looks forward to focusing on HE&R – Honoring those who have served, Educating the public about that service, Empowering the next generations with opportunity, and Remembering those who have paved the way.

Rappaport’s striking portraits elegantly depict contemporary women in the military working at a variety of occupations, from medic to aviator to mechanic. The images reveal Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen whose expressions vary from serious to smiling to resolute.

Rappaport created the watercolors by painting exclusively with a palate of the color Payne’s Gray, alternating the hues from almost black to almost white, and a myriad of vivid shades of gray, lighter or darker based on the number of layers he applied.

The array of monochromatic shades deftly mirrors the diversity of backgrounds of the women portrayed in the series. The portraits are considered “derivative art” because the subjects are based on photographs taken from public domain sources.

Rappaport welcomes the opportunity for his artwork to amplify the conversation that recognizes women who serve in the military. A strong supporter of the country’s military, Rappaport donated the portraits and says “it is the least I can do.” Rappaport is a self-taught painter and sculptor. For 37 years, he worked as a contracting officer for the Department of Defense and the US Navy.

We can observe the 20th anniversary because our members and supporters have been committed to having a memorial that tells the story of and pays tribute to the nearly 3 million women who have served our nation in uniform. Despite painful cost reductions as well as the fundraising challenges of a dwindling donor base and declining charitable giving trends, it was critical that the doors of the Women’s Memorial be open. Those doors are open today because people and organizations believe our mission is important to the nation and to its history. What better way to broadcast this importance then to publicly celebrate these 20 remarkable years of telling the story of women’s service!
Twenty years! Because of you – the Women's Memorial “Friends” – and your belief in the Memorial’s mission and its importance to the story of America, we are celebrating two decades of honoring women’s service to the nation. It is your commitment and investment that has made 20 years possible. It will be you who will take us to 20 more and beyond. Thank you for your steadfast support of your Memorial.

We are absolutely committed to the future of the Women's Memorial and to keeping its doors open. As I have reported in previous updates, we have managed to reduce accumulated debt by 63 percent. This was made possible by difficult and drastic reduction of the support work force and a reduction in office space by one third. Beyond cost cutting, the most vital element in our success has been the overwhelming support of our constituents along with industry and private supporters who responded to the call for financial support of the Memorial. I cannot thank you enough for your loyalty.

With 20 years behind us – what is ahead? In the near term we will be working on repairs and upgrades to the Memorial building itself, as well as updates to the database that underpins the Register, our collections management, and virtually every business system that the Foundation relies on. These maintenance activities are possible thanks to tremendous support from our Congress which appropriated $5 million in the 2017 budget to meet these needs. We are planning to make these repairs with as little disruption as possible so the Memorial remains open and available to the public. As you can imagine – this will be a complex task but one that has been needed for a long time.

It is important to note this grant money from Congress is specifically for the update and repair of the Memorial. The Foundation is still responsible for raising the funds to operate it, maintain the Register, curate the collections, build exhibits, and maintain the staff. A non-profit’s fundraising work is never done!

Please continue to think of your Memorial when you plan your annual tax deductible giving. For our part, the Foundation will take every opportunity to avoid costs while working to ensure military women have the tribute they deserve.

Sincerely,

Dee Ann McWilliams
Major General, US Army (Retired)
President

20th Anniversary Celebration
“Share your Experience - Use hashtag #WIMSA20”

We are looking forward to celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Women’s Memorial dedication with you. Have a wonderful and safe trip to Washington, DC. See you October 20–21.

Friday, October 20, 2017
6 pm, Celebration Dinner ($85 paid in advance)

Saturday, October 21, 2017
11 am, 20th Anniversary Ceremony
4:45 pm, Honor Walk in Arlington National Cemetery
6 pm, Service of Remembrance

Events are FREE (except Celebration dinner) and will be held at the Women’s Memorial, which is located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. To reserve a spot (so we have enough chairs), go to www.womensmemorial.org/anniversary.
Ann Dunwoody  
Honorary Board Co-Chair

I am delighted to serve as honorary co-chair of the board of the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation. For 20 years our Memorial has been the Signature Memorial for all women who have served this great country in uniform. This Memorial would not have been possible without the commitment, dedication and passion of Brig. Gen. (Ret) Wilma Vaught and those who supported her. To all who have served and are serving – thank you! We can never take your service for granted. To everyone who has made this 20th celebration possible – THANK YOU!

Eden Murrie  
Board Chair

Women have, are, and will continue to step up and serve our nation at home and abroad. For the past twenty years the Women In Military Service For America Memorial has educated the world about military women’s service and sacrifice… it stands ready to celebrate their contributions for the next twenty!

Barbara Goodwin  
Secretary

As we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Women’s Memorial, my thoughts return to a day many years ago when I had the opportunity to tour through the construction site when the original hemicycle was being opened to house the Memorial. Now, as I reflect on this living memorial to all women who have served, are currently serving, and who will serve our country in the future as military members, I am filled with gratitude for Brig. Gen. (Ret) Vaught and the World War II veterans for their vision and perseverance in bringing this Memorial to fruition. Today I am proud, but humbled, to stand with all the brave women who served side-by-side with their brothers in defending the rights and freedoms that we hold sacred, and honor those who paid the ultimate price for them.

Jody Brown

The Women’s Memorial tells the very powerful story of the dedicated women who served our nation in the military throughout our history and today. I work alongside women veterans every day and have the highest respect and admiration for the commitment they’ve made to our country and our freedoms. At CACI, we value all of America’s veterans and continually look for ways to support them through philanthropic activities as well as by offering meaningful careers to continue their service with us in supporting our military customers. I am honored to be a member of the Women’s Memorial board and have this opportunity to directly support the Foundation and its important mission to bring women veterans the honor and recognition they deserve.

Janet Wolfenbarger  
Honorary Board Co-Chair

Twenty years – it is hard to believe that it has been that long since the Women’s Memorial was dedicated! It took a lot of dedication on the part of the Memorial supporters to ensure that this national treasure was built and it has taken an equal amount of perseverance to ensure it continues. As honorary co-chair, I want to recognize and applaud the extraordinary work of Wilma Vaught, Brig. Gen. (Ret), USAF, who led the effort and whose commitment to this memorial was unwavering for more than two decades.
**WIMSA Directors Look Ahead**

**Julia Cleckley**

I am pleased and honored to serve on the Board of the Women’s Memorial. As a former member of the Women’s Army Corp (WAC) during my enlisted service and as a retired officer, I feel it’s important that women who have served in the military know this Memorial exists in recognition of their contribution to American history. I proudly walked with many others 20 years ago when the Memorial opened. It has always and continues to be an inspiration to me. Now as a proud Veteran, keynote speaker, and author, I consistently encourage service women to register with the Memorial. When my book was published, I had my first book signing at the Memorial. I am humbled to be a Board member as we celebrate the Women’s Memorial 20th Anniversary.

**Cynthia Pritchett**

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial provides a place where all generations of women and men can come and learn about all the women who have served, are currently serving, and those yet to serve. You will not only learn about the trailblazers, the firsts and how important every hurdle they overcame has enabled future generations to lead the way for the next generation; but more importantly is that each and every woman's story is its own “first” and deserves to be recorded in history and available to all. This is the mission of the Memorial, to preserve every woman’s history and tell her story. This is why I am proud to say I am Charter member and a member of the Board of Directors of our Memorial.

**Robert Duncan**

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial was established as the preeminent monument dedicated to the Nation celebrating the long, honorable and patriotic service of women, from the founding of our Nation, to today, and beyond. Having begun my personal service at a time when the country was more fully integrating women into active service, and lifting archaic restrictions, I was delighted to observe that, as I reached the end of my career, my daughters had no limits on their options for military service. The Memorial celebrates a great and vital part of American history.

**Jan Edmunds**

For 20 years, one of the most important responsibilities of the Foundation has been the preservation of the stories and history of America's military women. We do that through exhibits and through the Register where every woman can tell their story and be part of the country’s rich historical narrative. The story of EVERY woman who has served is important to us – our history is only as complete as we make it. We need to tell our friends, neighbors, and colleagues that they matter and they should claim their page in history!

**Nancy J. Lescavage**

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial provides a concrete and well-earned reminder to America and the world that all women who have served, are currently serving and those yet to serve are true Patriots and an essential dynamic to our Nation's peace, prosperity and preeminence... all are heroes in their own way!
A Few Greetings from Members across the Country

**Lydia** I’m 97 years of age and in good health. Yes, I still drive my Crown Victoria 2005 Ford!

**Virginia** I was able to attend the dedication of the Women’s Memorial 20 years ago. Great reunion of gals. We were WACs stationed at the Adjutant General’s School at Ft. Washington, MD, in 1943–1944 until the school was moved to Tonas, VA, and Georgia. I was one of the first women in Olympia, WA, to join the military (WAAC) in 1942. Loved every minute and day of service until I was discharged in 1946.

**Glenda** Such happy memories of being able to attend the dedication 20 years ago with other family members in honor of my sister, Opal. May God guide you in your endeavors.

**Frances** I made an Honor Flight to Washington but it did not include the Women’s Memorial. I am now 98 ½ years old and must be among the oldest members.

**Diane** I remember when I was an E7 stationed at Ft. Myer, VA. I stood alongside many women generals outside the PXs in the 80s spreading the word about WIMSA before it was built. I am so proud to be a part of this.

**Marcia** I’m 95 and would love to attend – maybe 25th – hoping to make 100. Chapter 98, Iowa was there 20 years ago with 10 of the girls, now only 3 are alive.

**Joanna** I am now 95 years young and a charter member (5/1990). If I miss a donation for 2018 that means I have passed away and my ashes are with my husband’s at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. God bless all veterans.

**Nazelie** Dear Great Friends, Thank you for another wonderful informative letter. It was exciting to read about the 456 separate events which took place at the Memorial last year. The Memorial is a beautiful place to have such events. I was privileged to have been there some years ago. We can all be very proud of it.

**Marilyn** I was privileged to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for the Memorial while stationed at Andrews AFB. It is my desire to attend the 20th Anniversary celebration. However, I am over 80 years old. This could interfere with my plans. Thanks for understanding.

**Jane** I would so like to attend the 20th anniversary celebration but I do not travel any more. Gen. Vaught’s warm greeting and seeing the care given the scrapbook of the WAC’s early years that my mother assembled was the highlight of my 92nd birthday in 2011. Please give General Vaught my best wishes.

**May** I am 94 years old. 20 years old when I enlisted. Proud to serve my country during WW II. Served in Boston, Office of Naval Intelligence and Naval Navigation. Appreciate all your wonderful work for our organization.

**Margaret** Thank you for all the good work you do. I am a WW II & Korean Navy veteran and can’t do much anymore. I appreciate all everyone does.

**Elizabeth** Making a big celebration for the 20th anniversary is an important time to honor the women veterans of World War II. If you skip this year and wait until the twenty-fifth anniversary, there will hardly be any of us left alive! So, while certainly recognizing the achievements of the Memorial itself, this would be an excellent occasion to acknowledge the importance of women’s service during World War II and how it has developed into opportunities for women to have careers as a permanent part of the armed forces.

**Beulah** I wouldn’t take anything for my 2 years & 8 months in the SPARS.

**Helen** I’m 96 as of 2 days ago & remember fondly my 3 years in the WAC! 1942–1945.

**Joanjuan** This is the first time anyone asked me about my time in the Navy or Navy Reserve. Thank you for remembering that the women make a difference.

**Joan** The memorial is beautiful. I am a charter member. Good luck on keeping it going.

**Jean** I have visited the Memorial and it is so beautiful! Just had my 94th birthday.

**Jackie** My daughter, Kelly and I were there for all the festivities at the groundbreaking. Loved it all. She is retired from the Navy now. Thanks for honoring all the women.

**Eva** The 20th anniversary of the Memorial dedication happens to be on my 71st birthday. I am proud to be a USN veteran and a charter member of the Women’s Memorial Foundation since its beginning in 1997.
A Few Greetings from Members across the Country

Mary Ann  I visited the very beautiful memorial when on Honor Flight Apr 22, 2014. Made me teary-eyed with pride. It was a distinct honor to serve in the US Navy Nurse Corps, 1953–1959. Continued success with the Memorial. God bless all.

Ann Elizabeth I am a former Navy nurse now 90 years old with low vision. God Bless America – Always.

Lillie Wish I could come. I’m too old, 93 years. I am a WW II SPAR.

Gertrude I am unable to attend the celebration in October due to my age and infirmity (92). But I still support your endeavor.

Dorothy I have visited the Women’s Memorial and enjoyed it very much. At the age of now 97, I still remember fondly my nearly 3 years as a WAVE, as a link trainer instructor 1943–45.

Joyce Did attend the dedication in 1997. Have made it to 94 years old! Good luck on the anniversary program.

Shannon Thank you to all who have worked so hard to create and sustain the Women’s Memorial. I am blessed to have two Great Aunts, Mardelle and Beryl, who light the path for me so that I am able to serve my country today. Their sister (my grandmother), Zella, was a real Rosie the Riveter, hooking airplane parts in the Gautier Steel Mill in Johnstown, PA while her husband went to war. What a wonderful legacy these women left for me. I am proud to support the Women’s Memorial and proud to have recently returned from six months in Africa with the Delaware Air National Guard. God Bless to all who support the Women’s Memorial.

Janice Although I’m 96 years old (97 in Dec), I’d love to see and possibly attend the Memorial’s 20th anniversary in October. In 2011, I was part of an Honor Flight from Vero Beach, FL – 80 males, 5 females so unfortunately we did NOT go to the Women’s Memorial. I was with the 75th Field Hospital, Saipan & Okinawa in 1945!

Bernadette Thank you for all you have been doing to keep the doors open to the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation. I wish I could come to the celebration but at 92, travel seems out of the picture. Wish I could do more but will keep you in my prayers.

Margaret I have been a proud Charter Member and am saddened of news of the financial news. I have lost three of my closest shipmates and wish to honor them with my simple donation. There are not too many WW II women veterans alive. We were a group four WAVES who were naval aviation mechanics and were proud of it. May the Memorial stand as the beacon of what American women can and will do for America.

Louise My 95th birthday is Aug 2, 2017. I was at the dedication 20 years ago and had a great time. Many happy memories. Bless all the women who served.

Carole Hope the General can attend. It never would have happened without her. My best to her.

Imelda I’m a 96 year old former WAC. Proud to be a supporting/founding member. Best of luck with another 20 years! This will probably be my last. I fell and broke my arm. Keep it going! (written by her daughter – with PRIDE!)

Luella I received the information on our 20th anniversary and “deeply regret” being unable to attend. My experience in the Navy has numerous opportunities to “relive” the wonderful friends and great opportunities. I also met my husband, a pilot, in Corpus Christie!!! We have a wonderful family and friends and are grateful to share these memories.

The Foundation is grateful to the following for their generous support of the Women’s Memorial 20th Anniversary Celebration:

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After buying groceries, Air Force Veteran Mary Claire Caine was startled to find a note on her windshield: “Maybe [you] can’t read the sign you parked in front of. This space is reserved for those who fought for America….not you.” When this story made the news, it disappointed – but did not surprise – me and many of my peers. The presence of women in today’s military and as Veterans remains unrecognized by many Americans.

When many of these small incidents combine over the years, their collective weight can make women Veterans feel invisible and unrecognized, their service unappreciated. That may make them less likely to take advantage of the care and benefits they have earned.

That’s why the Center for Women Veterans has long been proud to regularly partner with the Women’s Memorial: we have a shared mission of raising awareness of the service and sacrifice of military women. Just this year, we were honored to co-host a ceremony celebrating the 100-year anniversary of Loretta Perfectus Walsh’s historic enlistment with DACOWITS at the Women’s Memorial and thrilled to have the Women Veteran’s Art Exhibit displayed there.

I am eagerly anticipating participating in the upcoming 20th Anniversary Celebration, and the Center is excited to continue our partnership with the Women’s Memorial over the next twenty years. Together, we can ensure tomorrow’s women Veterans are honored and recognized for their contributions, and that the stories of the generations of women who have gone before us are never forgotten.

A major objective of the Women’s Memorial for 2017 was to establish an Ambassador Program. This program is intended to have at least one Ambassador in every state. During 2017, we have received a tremendous response from Women’s Memorial supporters across the America. As of September, we are very close to our goal.

Collectively, our Ambassadors form an invaluable grassroots campaign intended to spread the word about the Memorial and encourage more servicewomen to register their stories for posterity. In this way, we will ensure the service and sacrifice of all military women remain a permanent part of the National historical narrative.

Ambassadors also promote the Women’s Memorial through public education, encouraging support, and representing the Memorial Foundation at events in their areas. This allows us to:

- Increase outreach and spread the word about the Memorial and its mission.
- Connect with a broader base of military women and their communities than is possible from the Memorial’s physical location in the Washington, DC area.
- Ensure the service and sacrifice of the Nation’s military women is known and appreciated.
- Serve our constituents – military women, past and present – and educate and encourage the public and the next generations of women patriots.
- Improve our communications networks.
- Increase registrations in our database with stories of military women’s service. This living history database is the heart of the mission of the ONLY Memorial Education Center dedicated to military women of all branches of service.
Introduction To
WIMSA Ambassadors

WIMSA’s State Ambassadors are looking for help in spreading the word and ensuring that every woman who has, or is serving, understands that their service and their story matters!

Your WIMSA state ambassador will be wearing the pin shown at left. To contact your state Ambassadors, see the listing in this newsletter. Ask your ambassador how you can help WIMSA stay connected in your state.

Following are WIMSA Ambassadors in the news.

Chlastawa Addresses Delaware Veterans Coalition
September 28, 2017, Dover Post

DELAWARE – Jean Chlastawa, of Rehoboth Beach, and Delaware’s ambassador for the Women’s Memorial in Washington, D.C., served as guest speaker about the memorial at the Delaware Veterans Coalition’s September meeting at FOP Lodge 3, Dover. The memorial, celebrating its 20th anniversary, is a national memorial honoring women who have defended America throughout history. It serves as a repository for the memorabilia of women who have served in or with the U.S. Armed Forces from the American Revolution to the present time.

Chlastawa retired in 1996 as a U.S. Navy lieutenant commander. During her Navy career, she earned a master’s degree in adult education from the University of Rhode Island and served as an education and training specialist, where she spent most of her career.

Asuncion Named to Panel in Maine
August 23, 2017, WCSH6 Bangor, Maine

MAINE – Rep. Bruce Poliquin announced a plan that some veterans in Maine's Second Congressional District hope will help solve the problems they are facing. Rep. Poliquin revealed a new Veteran Advisory Panel at a press conference in Bangor. The event was attended by veterans who will also sit on the panel. “These folks worked very hard. They gave us our freedom,” Poliquin said, “the least I can do is work hard for them now.” The panel will consist of veterans from the second district.

They will meet with the Congressman throughout the year to discuss the issues most important to Maine veterans. Poliquin says he will then convey those concerns to Congress. Joy Asuncion, a US Navy retired Senior Chief, is a panel member out of Waldo County. She served in the military for 20 years and has been helping other veterans ever since. “We’ve been working together for the last couple of years, connecting veterans to help with different issues,” Asuncion said, “this just now gives us more exposure.” Maine is home to nearly 125,000 veterans.

Gooch Named Iowa Rep for Women’s Memorial
Aug 26, 2017, Globe Gazette
http://globegazette.com/gooch-named-iowa-rep-for-women-in-military-memorial/article_046e2910-79a8-5f07-8b91-4cc0d2f82a87.html

IOWA – Dr. Charlene G. Gooch, U.S. Army Nurse Corps veteran, has been appointed Ambassador for the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation in Iowa. Gooch will provide information, sponsorship information, and education about the memorial and the service of military women.

The memorial, which will celebrate its 20th anniversary in October, is located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Wyoming Ambassador Beebe

WYOMING – When asked about being a WIMSA Ambassador, Khryshell Beebe said, “To me, being an ambassador is an opportunity to connect with other women veterans, but also a chance to hear and share stories of women in service. Each woman who served has a story to inspire and teach young women to be whatever they want to be.”
Retired Army Nurse Urges Female Vets to Tell Their Stories

September 3, 2017, Pantagraph, by Lenora Sobota

BLOOMINGTON, IL—Retired Army Lt. Col. Jill Henry says, “I learned in the Army: never volunteer,” but that didn’t stop her from becoming an ambassador for the Women In Military Service For America Memorial. The memorial, located in Arlington National Cemetery, will mark its 20th anniversary this fall and Henry is on a mission. She wants to increase awareness of the memorial and get more female veterans to register. “They call it a living memorial,” said Henry, of Bloomington, who was an Army nurse and nurse anesthetist for 20 years. “It’s for veterans like me, those who are serving and women of the future.” She recently became the first female member of the American Legion Honor Guard. “If we don't keep our own history and tell our own history, no one will — or someone else will do it, but it won't be accurate,” Henry said. “It's the only memorial for all women of all services who have served our country,” said Henry. “A whole generation of women got this started, but they’re almost gone,” said Henry. “Unless we do this as women, it's not going to happen.”

Women Warriors in Tucson

ARIZONA – On Sep 16, Arizona Ambassador Rocio Kary participated in the Women Warriors event in Tucson. The event provides services to women Veterans who are experiencing homelessness, eviction, suffering from PTSD, MST or having trouble with their transition to civilian life. About 40 women Veterans attended.

Register a Servicewoman

“The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is the one place you can record your story, in your own words. So many women have served in the military, so few have recorded the moments they consider important. Take this opportunity to share your unique experiences with all who visit the memorial. For authors, students, fellow veterans, international visitors, this is a very special place for learning and research.

Open to ALL women who have served. Add your story to The Register now and join me in keeping the history of women’s service alive.”

From Kelly – WIMSA Charter member

To register a Servicewoman, go to www.womensmemorial.org/
Select “Register” located on the far right of banner.
Following are updates from a few of our newly appointed Ambassadors.

**World War II and Korean Service**

--Anne Friedman, SPC, US Army Veteran, Illinois Ambassador

Lucille Taliaferro, eyes bright with the anticipation of her future. Lucille is from the south side of Chicago, and, as a young women decided to join the U.S. Army. She served as a medical technician from August 1943 to January 1946 during WWII. In 1950 she was “asked” to rejoin the U.S. Army during the Korean War as they needed her skill set. When I found out about this amazing patriotic and talented woman, she was in the depths of Alzheimer's disease and would no longer function on her own or tell anyone her amazing life story. Lucille had no family to speak of, never married, no children. I petitioned the state’s attorney for her military items so they could be honored by our Women’s Memorial. Little did I know when I was awarded her items what an amazing woman Lucille is. Soldier, writer, poet. Among her things is a picture of a very handsome soldier and his dog tags, accompanied by a love poem she wrote. Was this the love of her life and was he killed? We will never know for her secrets are locked in the far reaches of her brain. What we do know is Lucille was a patriotic, talented woman and our Memorial has, with great respect, received her things. Among them, her American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Women’s Army Corps (WAC) Service Ribbon. Thank you Lucille Taliaferro for your patriotism and service!

**Escort at Opening of Women’s Memorial**

--Wendy M. Perry, LTC, US Army (Ret.), Georgia Ambassador

In 1997, I was a Second Lieutenant assigned to Walter Reed when the Women’s Memorial dedication occurred. I recall serving on the team of young officers assigned to support the event as escorts, guides, and unknowing participants. It was a very exciting time, rich in honoring those who sacrificed – history, recognizing those who served – pride, and inspiring those actively serving – hope! At the time, we had no idea that we, ourselves, were contributing to history. I retired from active duty in 2015 after serving for 21 years in a successful career as an Army Nurse. I am so thankful and excited to now serve as an Ambassador for Georgia. I am eager to partner with other Ambassadors and women veterans to educate and inform the world of the countless contributions women have made and are still making through military service. Each of us has a responsibility to preserve our histories and the stories of the women who served before us. I am inspired about the opportunity to positively impact the futures of the many women who will choose to serve, despite the challenges, in military service for America.

**Hello from the Commonwealth of Virginia**

--Karen Halverson, US Navy Veteran, Virginia Ambassador

I am honored to have been appointed to represent the Women’s Memorial on the Virginia War Memorial Board by Gov. Terry McAuliffe. The Virginia War Memorial is the Commonwealth’s monument to honor the memory of Virginia’s men and women who demonstrated a willingness to serve and fight to defend our way of life from World War II to the present; and through its Education Center, serves as the Center of Excellence for the Commonwealth in education of Virginian’s experience of war from the birth of our nation to the present. The Board members serve to help maintain focused direction while serving the memorial’s mission of honoring our Veterans, preserving our history, educating our youth, and inspiring patriotism in all – a mission very much like ours with the Women's Memorial!
Reunion of Army Nurses, San Antonio, TX, October 27—29, 2017

—Jill Henry, LTC, US Army (Ret.), Illinois Ambassador

The Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing (WRAIN) Class of 1977 will host its 40th reunion in San Antonio, TX, from October 27–29, 2017, at the Hilton Palacio del Rio. The fun begins with a Hospitality Gathering on Friday evening. A dinner dance is scheduled for Saturday evening. Optional tours are available throughout the weekend.

The WRAIN program, established on May 1, 1964, was in cooperation with the University of Maryland. Upon completion of the program, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree was granted. Participants were commissioned second lieutenants initially (later as first lieutenants) and were obligated to serve on active duty for three years. WRAIN officially closed its doors on June 30, 1978, after eleven graduating classes. A total of 1,219 students graduated from the program. LTC Jill Henry, US Army (Retired) and Illinois Ambassador for the Women In Military Service For America Memorial, is a WRAIN class of 1977 graduate.

Greetings from Florida, the “Sunshine State”

—Rita M. Broadway, MG, US Army (Ret.), Florida Ambassador

The great state of Florida is home to multiple military bases representing the five major military services, as well as numerous organizations representing the Reserve Components and National Guard. We have many women service members residing in Florida. There are great opportunities to promote WIMSA’s goals and objectives to these military units as well as the many military and veteran service organizations throughout the state. Additionally, Florida has the third largest population of women veterans in the US, more than 154,000. Governor Rick Scott recognized our women vets by declaring March 12–18, 2017, as Women Veteran’s Recognition Week in honor of their dedicated service. Additionally, Florida annually conducts a Women Veteran’s Conference. This year’s conference was held in June at the newly built Orlando VA Medical Center. The conference was well attended with excellent speakers who were able to provide valuable information and guidance to attendees. This presented a great opportunity to promote WIMSA and further our mission.

Connecting Veterans in North Carolina

—Pat Childers, HMC, US Navy (Ret.), North Carolina Ambassador

Hello from Eastern North Carolina. In addition to recruiting women to register for WIMSA, I am active with a few other veteran-focused organizations that you may wish to check out. The “Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project,” part of the University of NC @ Greensboro, hosts a Women Veteran Luncheon annually. This year’s 20th Anniversary celebration will be Friday, November 3rd, from 11:30 am–2:30 pm at the Alumni House, UNCG. For more information about the luncheon or the project, contact Beth Ann Koelsch, Curator, at 336-334-5838 or bakoelsc@uncg.edu. Triangle Women Veterans – MWAN Unit 144 meets quarterly throughout the Triangle area. Check them out: trianglewomenveterans.org. Open to all women who have served or are serving in the U.S. military. President Norma Schrader (marjoo1971@gmail.com). Fayetteville was honored to be the site of the North Carolina Veterans Park, located next to the Army’s Airborne and Special Operations Museum at 300 Bragg Blvd. Open Tue–Sat: 10:00 – 4:00 pm, Sun: noon – 4:00 pm. It’s the first park in the state dedicated to military veterans from all branches of the Armed Services.

Make Your Story Part of American History

Register your military service TODAY and tell your story of service in the Armed Forces.

www.womensmemorial.org/
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Celebrating First Enlisted Woman

March 23, 2017
On March 21, 1917, Loretta Perfectus Walsh became America’s first official enlisted woman when she joined the Navy. Women veterans gathered at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial for the centennial anniversary to honor the service of more than 2.5 million women Veterans who have served our country. The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) and the Center for Women Veterans from the Veterans Affairs Department co-hosted the remembrance event. (Center for Women Veterans)

Did You Know?
The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. We are proud to recognize their devoted patriotism and bravery as part of our National heritage.

Women’s Memorial Receives $5 Million to Renovate

August 9, 2017, Women’s Memorial
The Women In Military Service For America Foundation is thrilled to announce receipt of a $5 million grant from the Department of Defense to bring critically needed repair and renovation to the Memorial’s aging infrastructure. The Women’s Memorial is the nation’s only institution solely dedicated to honoring women service members from every service and era. As military women venture into ever-increasing roles, the Memorial’s mission of preserving the legacy and stories of some three million women who have served and educating the public about their service has never been more important to the nation and to history.

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October 21, 2017
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A virtual run allows runners to complete either 10 miles or 5K in their own town. No need to travel or battle race-day parking. Gather a few friends and set off in your own neighborhood, knowing that you are joined by others across the county, running for the same reason.

This year, the Virtual Run is sponsored by Valor Run and the Women’s Memorial (celebrating their 20th anniversary). Conducted in states across the country and countries around the world, it honors the 166 U.S. military women who died supporting combat operations during the Global War on Terror. The run is held in October to coincide with the anniversary of the Women’s Memorial and to commemorate the completion of the founding Valor Run in October 2014.


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For 102-year-old Female WWII Veteran, Honor Flight Was ‘A Dream Come True’
September 2, 2017, Stars & Stripes, by Ken-Yon Hardy & Michael S. Darnell

WASHINGTON — Every honor flight is packed with stories. The Flag City Honor Flight was no different when it landed this week carrying 79 veterans traveling from Ohio to see war memorials built in their honor in the nation’s capital.

The group included 102-year-old Betty Casselman, a WWII-era Marine who taught pilots the difference between friend and foe during the war. Casselman, a minor celebrity in Freemont, Ohio, thanks to her sharp wit and WWII veteran status, relished the chance to see the memorials that dot Washington.

SPAR Miriam Kahn, US Coast Guard Women’s Reserve, Turned 100
August 2017, Bakersfield.com

CALIFORNIA – Bakersfield resident Miriam Kann is turning 100 on Aug. 5. That’s pretty wonderful, but not even close to being the most interesting thing about her.

For example, Kann taught scores of military pilots during World War II how to fly by their instruments alone in low- or zero-visibility conditions — not the sort of job most women were steered toward in those days when “Rosies” in the factories and women in all-female military units contributed to the Allied victory over fascism, genocide and military imperialism.
### Caring for Soldiers in Harm’s Way

**August 13, 2017, Auburn Reporter, by Mark Klaas**

WASHINGTON – Annie McDonald was a 24-year-old U.S. Army nurse when she began serving near the battlefields of Europe in World War II. McDonald, who grew up in Auburn, turns 100 years old on Saturday. Annie McDonald glanced at the pocket-sized, black-and-white photograph in her trembling hand. And gently smiled.

Who is that 24-year-old U.S. Army nurse in the glossy snapshot?

“Me … long time ago,” McDonald replied. “I am proud of what we did. We had a job to do. We had to go through it.”

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### After the Vietnam War, Women Veterans Fight to Preserve Their History

**September 21, 2017, Vietnam: Virginia Remembers, by 88.9 WCVE’s Catherine Komp**

WASHINGTON – Florence Dunn flashes an ID and pulls through the gate at Fort Lee. The Vietnam veteran comes to the base once or twice a week, sometimes shopping at the commissary, to fill a prescription or to volunteer at the U.S. Army Women’s Museum.

Dunn grew up in the rural town of Yale, Virginia, where she says choices for women were limited. Dunn said, “Back in those days, women got married or they became a hairdresser or something like that. I wanted to do more.” Dunn enlisted on July 30, 1956. “I was about a month over 18 and of course back in those days women had to have signature of both parents to come in.” Dunn spent more than two decades in the U.S. Army. After a promotion to Captain, she deployed to Vietnam, arriving on April 9, 1971. She was the only woman assigned to CORDS, Civil Operations and Rural Development Support.

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### Army Nurse from Everett has Vivid Memories of ‘Forgotten War’

**September 20, 2017, Herald Net, by Julie Muhlstein**

EVERETT, WA – Picture a Korean War veteran, one who received a battlefield promotion in the face of harsh conditions and dangers. Or picture someone who dealt with the gruesome realities of war in Vietnam. The image that comes to mind isn’t likely to resemble Barbara Jean Nichols.

She is 95 years old, and not quite 5 feet tall. In tennis shoes, she seems the picture of a spry great-grandmother who kept the home fires burning during wartime. Nichols, though, is a retired Army lieutenant colonel who traveled the world to serve her country and provide life-saving care.

Barbara Jean Nichols, a graduate of Everett General Hospital School of Nursing, helped build Boeing warplanes during World War II and served as a nurse in the Korean War and in Vietnam. Now 95, she is featured in a Legacy Washington exhibit in Olympia.
When Mariah Klenke decided that she wanted to become a Marine amphibious assault officer, she had no idea that she was going to be the first woman to even try. “I had a thought, but I wasn’t for sure,” said Klenke, 24, of St. Rose, Illinois, a farming community about 35 miles east of St Louis. “A couple of people had said something about me, possibly, being the first person. But then when I finally got my (military occupational specialty), my captain at the time told me, ‘You’re going to be an 1803. You’re going to be the first female to go there.’” Second Lt. Klenke graduated Tuesday morning from amphibious assault officer, the first woman to start the course since the Pentagon in late 2015 nixed its ban on female troops in combat roles.

When she was going to be the first woman to even try, Zoppi. She would run from one bus stop to another, trying to catch the “guagua” in time for her physical training sessions. The nickname of “Ramba” was originally given by an ROTC instructor, a U.S. Army Ranger, but it stuck ever since. Thirty years later, Zoppi still hasn’t slowed down. If anything, she’s picked up momentum and speed.

A female Marine lieutenant quietly crossed one of the last remaining hurdles for women in the service Monday, celebrating graduation of the famously difficult infantry officer course in a private ceremony reserved for family members. The officer, who asked not to be identified, is the first woman in the Marine Corps to earn the 0302 infantry officer military occupational specialty. She will soon be sent to her new unit, which is within 1st Marine Division, out of Camp Pendleton, California, officials with Marine Corps Training and Education Command said Monday morning. “I am proud of this officer and those in her class who have earned the infantry officer MOS,” Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller said in a statement.

Standing at the podium after being the first woman elected as American Legion national commander, Denise Rohan had one question for the delegates to the Legion’s national convention in Reno, Nev.: “Are you ready?” The Wisconsin resident challenged Legionnaires to work together to continue the organization’s 98 years of service to the nation, and its veterans, military, and their families. A 33-year Legionnaire and current member of Post 385 in Verona, Wis., and U.S. Army veteran, Rohan has served as post and department commander. “That post that denied me membership 37 years ago, they have a picture of me on the wall with a sign that reads ‘She could have been a member of our Post. Remember, women are veterans too!’” Rohan said. “It is a great reminder that since the birth of The American Legion back in 1919, our
leadership knew that a veteran was a veteran regardless of race, religion, or gender. Women could vote for national commander before they could vote for the president of the United States. I know that women have been and continue to be in leadership positions in this organization."

**Simone Askew is First Black Woman to Lead West Point Cadets**

August 16, 2017, Fox News USA

WEST POINT, NY – Simone Askew marched into history Monday as the first black woman to lead the Long Gray Line at the U.S. Military Academy. After an early-morning 12-mile march back to the gray stone academic complex with 1,200 new cadets she led through the rigors of basic training at “Beast Barracks,” the 20-year-old international history major from Fairfax, Virginia, assumed duties as first captain of the 4,400-member Corps of Cadets. That’s the highest position in the cadet chain of command at West Point.

**First Female Enlisted Pilot Graduates Enlisted Pilot Initial Class (EPIC) Program for Remotely Piloted Aircraft**

Aug 5, 2017, KENS5 Eyewitness News

SAN ANTONIO – In a crowded room at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Air Force Base, it looks like the airmen inside are playing a high tech video game. Unlike a video game, however, these service members are training to fly a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA). “I have never turned down an opportunity my whole career which, I think, is part of the reason why I’m able to be where I am right now,” Tech Sergeant Courtney said. We cannot use her name for safety reasons, but Tech Sergeant Courtney is the first-ever RPA female enlisted pilot. Until 2015, only officers could fly RPA, but the demand for pilots forced the Air Force to make a change.

**Top VSO Gets First Female**

August 4, 2017, Military.com, by Amy Bushatz

One hundred years after the first women were permitted to officially join the U.S. military, a woman has been elected to head a top U.S. veterans’ service organization. Retired Army Reserve First Sgt. Delphine Metcalf-Foster was elected Aug. 1 as national commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) at the organization’s annual convention in New Orleans. Commanders of the organization, which has about 1.3 million members, serve one-year terms. Metcalf-Foster was elected unanimously, officials said.

**Meet a 101st Airborne Brigade’s First ‘Top Gun’**

August 2, 2017, U.S. Army, by Maj. Asha Cooper

FORT CAMPELL, KY – Pfc. Pricilla Jalim, B Company, 526th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, is the brigade’s first “Top Gun,” a distinguished accomplishment that recognizes her hard work and expert technical skills. She earned the title on Friday during the Army’s annual Network Integration Evaluation Training. Jalim, a Baltimore native, joined the Army in the military occupational specialty 91E, allied trade specialist, roughly one year ago.

**First 4 Women Graduate Cavalry Scout Training at Fort Benning**

June 25, 2017, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, GA

For the first time in history at Fort Benning, Georgia, four women were among 162 soldiers who graduated Thursday from the Cavalry Scout One Station Unit Training. The soldiers of the 5th Squadron, 15th Cavalry Regiment, completed the 17-week training and earned the military occupational specialty of 19D Cavalry Scout during a ceremony at Freedom Hall.

**18 Women Graduate from the Army’s First Gender-Integrated Infantry Basic Training**

May 19, 2017, Army Times
2016

Army Surgeon General Receives Third Star
Feb 10, 2016, Army News Service
https://www.army.mil/article/162226

WASHINGTON — The Army formally welcomed the service’s 44th surgeon general Tuesday and promoted Nadja Y. West to lieutenant general. West became the first African American to serve as Army surgeon general when she assumed the position Dec. 11. With her promotion, she became the Army’s first black woman to hold the rank of lieutenant general and the highest-ranking woman of any race to graduate from West Point.

Gen. Robinson to Head NORTHCOM, Will be First Female to Run COM
March 18, 2016, Air Force Times

Defense Secretary Ash Carter has nominated Gen. Lori Robinson to be the next head of the U.S. Northern Command, the Pentagon said Friday morning. Robinson will be the first woman to ever head a combatant command, Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook said in a tweet announcing Robinson’s nomination.

Army’s First Female Infantry Officer is Capt. Kristen Griest, Ranger School Graduate
April 27, 2016, Washington Post

When Capt. Kristen M. Griest made history last summer by becoming one of the first two women to graduate the Army’s legendarily difficult Ranger School, she made her intentions clear: She was considering joining a Special Operations unit. Now, she has accomplished another first with some similar demands: becoming the U.S. military’s first female infantry officer.

2015

First Female Soldiers Graduate from Army Ranger School
August 21, 2015, NPR

1st Lt. Shaye Haver, 25, and Capt. Kristen Griest, 26, received their Ranger tabs Friday, becoming the first women ever to successfully complete the U.S. Army’s Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. – a grueling course that puts a premium on physical strength and endurance. Haver, an Apache helicopter pilot, and Griest, a military police platoon leader, completed the course to the same standards as their 94 male classmates – a point emphasized by Maj. Gen. Scott Miller, the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony.

United States Navy Promotes Michelle Howard to 4-Star Admiral
July 1, 2014, Defense Media Activity

ARLINGTON, VA (NNS) – The United States Navy promoted Michelle Janine Howard to the rank of four-star admiral July 1 during a ceremony at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Wolfenbarger Makes History as AF’s First Female Four-Star
June 6, 2012, Springfield News-Sun

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE — Before Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger begins overseeing a historic reshaping of the biggest command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, she made a little history herself. Again. Wolfenbarger, 54, had a fourth star pinned on her Tuesday, to become the first women in the Air Force to achieve the highest rank. It came 32 years after the “hometown girl” who graduated from Beavercreek High School was part of the first graduating class of 97 female cadets in 1980 at the U.S. Air Force Academy.
Shoot Like a Girl—One Woman’s Dramatic Fight in Afghanistan and on the Homefront
2017, by Mary Jennings Hegar (Air National Guard)

“A must-read about an American patriot whose courage and determination will have a lasting impact on the future of our Armed Forces and the nation.”
—Senator John McCain

On July 29, 2009, Air National Guard major Mary Jennings “MJ” Hegar was shot down while on a Medevac mission on her third tour in Afghanistan. Despite being wounded, she fought the enemy and saved the lives of her crew and their patients. But soon she would face a new battle: to give women who serve on the front lines the credit they deserve. (Amazon)

Locked-in: A Soldier and Civilian’s Struggle with Invisible Wounds
2017, by Carolyn Furdek (US Army)

A memoir that appeals to a broad audience to include: civilians, veterans, educators, healthcare providers and families alike in hopes to enlighten and encourage those suffering and those treating someone with invisible wounds. The story takes the reader from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, through the military and civilian psychiatric systems, and finally to the fight that remains on the home front. Carolyn’s journey follows her lingering battle over the course of a decade that leaves the medical community and her family struggling for answers, an accurate diagnosis and treatment that will alleviate her symptoms. (Goodreads.com)

“Pow(Her) Surge: Recognizing and Accessing Power Within”
2017, by Wendy M. Perry (US Army), Dr. Michael E. Perry, PhD (Foreword)

Perry is Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of Catalyst Executive Advising and Development, (C.E.A.D.). She is an experienced Healthcare Leader, Registered Nurse, and Consultant. She leverages 21 years of active-duty U.S. Army service, hospital program administration and local community leadership into creating this inaugural work. Wendy taps into her diverse experience as a leader, clinician, educator, veteran, and mentor, to accompany women on their own journey toward success. She craftily reveals her personal journey and weaves a biographical story that will have you laughing one minute and crying the next. For any woman who has been limited by fear, doubted her sense of self-worth, or questioned her value... this is a must read! (Amazon)

It’s My Country Too: Women’s Military Stories from the American Revolution to Afghanistan
2017, by Jerri Bell (US Navy), Tracy Crow (USMC)

This inspiring anthology is the first to convey the rich experiences and contributions of women in the American military in their own words—from the Revolutionary War to the present wars in the Middle East. Serving with the Union Army during the Civil War as a nurse, scout, spy, and soldier, Harriet Tubman tells what it was like to be the first American woman to lead a raid against an enemy, freeing some 750 slaves. Busting gender stereotypes, Josette Dermody Wingo enlisted as a gunner’s mate in the Navy in World War II to teach sailors to fire Oerlikon anti-aircraft guns. Marine Barbara Dulinsky recalls serving under fire in Saigon during the Tet Offensive of 1968, and Brooke King describes the aftermath of her experiences outside the wire with the Army in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In excerpts from their diaries, letters, oral histories, and pension depositions—as well as from published and unpublished memoirs—generations of women reveal why and how they chose to serve their country, often breaking with social norms, even at great personal peril. (Amazon)

The Frontline Generation: How We Served Post 9/11
2016, by Marjorie K. Eastman (US Army)

2017 National Independent Publisher Book Award Winner (IPPY)

“You are the frontlines – no matter where or how you serve.” It began as a personal memoir for her son. Reflecting on her ten years of post 9/11 military service, Marjorie K. Eastman wanted to capture the lessons and inspiration she’d learned serving beside men and women who represent the very best of what it means to be American. And these service members represent just 1 percent of the American public. The compelling journey of Eastman’s time in uniform culminates in her final assignment, when she was responsible for the lives of over 100 troops – men and women – scattered throughout
Eastern Afghanistan. She offers lessons on life, leadership, service, and the way for every person to find a role in them. Service is the key. (Amazon)

**Bronco Strong: A Memoir of the Last Deployed Personnel Services Battalion**
2015, by Angela Odom (US Army)

In her stirring memoir, Angela M. Odom, a personnel services battalion commander, recounts daily life as a soldier in an active war zone during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Odom came into command of the Fifteenth Personnel Services Battalion in 2006, and immediately they were deployed to Baghdad via Kuwait. The soldiers under her command had proved themselves before in the same theater of war. But things had changed in their time at home, and now they found themselves walking into a living nightmare. (Amazon)

**A Higher Standard: Leadership Strategies from America’s First Female Four-Star General**
2015, by General (Ret.) Ann Dunwoody (US Army)

...Takes a candid look at the exciting military career of US Army General Ann Dunwoody, who received her fourth star – a rank never before reached by a woman – in her fourth decade of service. From her first command leading 200 soldiers to her final one leading 69,000, Dunwoody reveals the challenges she faced and the changes she initiated by sharing both the smallest moments and the most pivotal events in her career. With a foreword by Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, author of the bestseller Lean In, this book offers sound leadership principles, insight into critical issues facing our nation, and applicable lessons for achieving success in any field. (Amazon)

**Camouflaged Sisters: Revealing Struggles of the Black Woman’s Military Experience**
2015, by Lila Holley (US Army)

...Chronicles the courageous path of fourteen women who overcame various internal and external struggles during their military careers. These veterans give open accounts of how they adapted, achieved work-life balance, relied on their faith, and used mentorship as a vital tool in their success pre- and post-military career. Expect to be inspired by black women who fight for our homeland, while simultaneously battling to protect and preserve the assets most important to them. If you’re entering, serving or transitioning back into civilian life, this guide is a must read to support you in your honorable journey. (Goodreads.com)

**All I Could Be—My Story as a Woman Warrior in Iraq**
2013, by Miyoko Hikiji (Army National Guard)

This inaugural account, during the onset of the Global War on Terrorism, by a female National Guard soldier provides evidence of the vitality of female fighters. It pays tribute to the two soldiers in her unit that lost their lives, and shows how love can be more vital in the desert than in water. This story exposes the comradeship, intimacy, cowardice, and humor of soldiers living in physical and emotional grit. (Goodreads.com)

**24/7: The First Person You Must Lead Is You**
2013, by Rebecca “Becky” Halstead (US Army)

The real-life experiences portrayed in 24/7: The First Person You Must Lead is YOU are told with a combination of introspective humor and heart-wrenching candor that will inspire you to consider your approach to leadership from a new perspective – you. The stories author Becky Halstead, retired Brigadier General, United States Army, shares in this book illustrate leadership principles that transcend age, gender, race, and profession. Her personal leadership journey will capture your attention and cause you to re-evaluate how you define leadership – whether you are a corporate CEO or a high school student. (Goodreads.com)

**A Promise Fulfilled: My Life as a Wife and Mother, Soldier and General Officer**
2013, by Julia Jeter Cleckley, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) (US Army), M. L. Doyle

The story of how a young woman sheds her timid nature by making unconventional choices to protect those closest to her. Her bold decision reveals the brave warrior she is inside. Cleckley’s story is one of triumph over loss, determination in the face of tragedy and the strength of love. An amazing recounting of a woman’s transformation from a frail, frightened girl to a powerful, independent leader of men and women. (Amazon)

**Military Fly Moms**
2012, by Linda Maloney (US Navy)

A stupendous collection of true stories by women who shared the same two dreams – becoming a military aviator and being a mom. These stories and their accompanying photographs weave a beautiful tapestry, passing on a lasting legacy to inspire future generations to reach for their dreams. (Goodreads.com)
Operation Iraqi Freedom
Military Women Casualties
Mar 20, 2003 – Aug 31, 2010

Specialist Lori A. Piestewa, USA.
Died: 23 Mar 03
Sergeant Melissa Valles, USA.
Died: 9 Jul 03
Specialist Alyssa R. Peterson, USA.
Died: 15 Sep 03
Private First Class Analaura Esparza-Gutierrez, USA.
Died: 1 Oct 03
Specialist Tamarra J. Ramos, USA.
Died: 1 Oct 03
Seaman Fireman Jakia S. Cannon, USN.
Died: 25 Oct 03
Private First Class Rachel Kristen Heather Bosveld, USA. Died: 26 Oct 03
Private First Class Karina S. Lau, USA.
Died: 2 Nov 03
Specialist Frances M. Vega, USA.
Died: 2 Nov 03
**Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sharon T. Swartworth, USA. Died: 7 Nov 03

Sergeant Linda C. Jimenez, USA.
Died: 8 Nov 03
Staff Sergeant Kimberly Voelz, USA.
Died: 14 Dec 03
Captain Kimberly N. Hampton, USA.
Died: 2 Jan 04
Sergeant Keicia M. Hines, USA.
Died: 14 Jan 04
Private First Class Holly J. McGeogh, USA.
Died: 31 Jan 04
Private First Class Nichole M. Frye, USAR.
Died: 16 Feb 04
Captain Gussie M. Jones, USA.
Died: 7 Mar 04
Specialist Tyanna S. Avery-Felder, USA.
Died: 7 Apr 04
Specialist Michelle M. Witmer, WI ARNG.
Died: 9 Apr 04
Specialist Isela Rubalcava, USA.
Died: 8 May 04
Private First Class Leslie D. Jackson, USA.
Died: 20 May 04
Private First Class Melissa J. Hobart, USA.
Died: 6 June 04
Sergeant First Class Linda Ann Tarango-Griess, NE ARNG. Died: 11 July 04

** Denotes burial at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC)
Sergeant Tatjana Reed, USA.
Died: 22 July 04

Sergeant Shawna M. Morrison, IL ARNG.
Died: 5 Sep 04

Staff Sergeant Gina R. Sparks, USA.
Died: 4 Oct 04

Specialist Jessica L. Cawvey, IL ARNG.
Died: 6 Oct 04

Sergeant Pamela G. Osbourne, USA. Died: 11 Oct 04

Sergeant Cari A. Gasiewicz, USA. Died: 4 Dec 04

Sergeant Tina S. Time, USAR. Died: 13 Dec 04

Sergeant Jessica M. Housby, IL ARNG. Died: 9 Feb 05

Specialist Katrina L. Bell-Johnson, USA. Died: 16 Feb 05

Specialist Lizbeth Robles, USA. Died: 1 Mar 05

Specialist Adriana N. Salem, USA. Died: 4 Mar 05

Specialist Aleina Ramirez-Gonzalez, USA. Died: 15 Apr 05

**Private First Class Sam W. Huff, USA. Died: 18 Apr 05

Specialist Carrie L. French, ID ARNG. Died: 5 Jun 05

Lance Corporal Holly A. Charette, USMC. Died: 23 Jun 05

Corporal Ramona M. Valdez, USMC. Died: 23 Jun 05

Petty Officer 1st Class Regina R. Clark, USN. Died: 23 Jun 05

Sergeant First Class Tricia L. Jameson, NE ARNG. Died: 14 Jul 05

Private First Class Lavena Lynn Johnson, USA. Died: 19 Jul 05

**Specialist Toccara R. Green, USA. Died: 14 Aug 05

Airman First Class Elizabeth N. Jacobson, USAF. Died: 28 Sep 05

First Lieutenant Debra A. Banaszak, MO ARNG. Died: 28 Oct 05

Sergeant Julia V. Atkins, USA. Died: 10 Dec 05

Sergeant Regina C. Reali, USAR. Died: 23 Dec 05

Sergeant Myla L. Maravillosa, USAR. Died: 24 Dec 05

First Lieutenant Jaime L. Campbell, AK ARNG. Died: 7 Jan 06

Private First Class Tina M. Priest, USA. Died: 1 Mar 06

Private First Class Amy A. Duerksen, USA. Died: 11 Mar 06

Sergeant Amanda N. Pinson, USA. Died: 16 Mar 06

Lance Corporal Juana Navarro Arellano, USMC. Died: 8 Apr 06

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jaime S. Jaenke, USN. Died: 5 Jun 06

Private First Class Hannah L. Gunterman McKinney, USA. Died: 4 Sep 06

Second Lieutenant Emily J.T. Perez, USA. Died: 12 Sep 06

Sergeant Jennifer M. Hartman, USA. Died: 14 Sep 06

First Lieutenant Ashley L. (Henderson) Huff, USA. Died: 19 Sep 06

Sergeant Denise A. Lannaman, NY ARNG. Died 1 Oct 06

Sergeant Jeannette T. Dunn, USA. Died 26 Nov 06

**Major Megan M. McClung, USMC. Died: 6 Dec 06

Major Gloria D. Davis, USA. Died: 12 Dec 06

Seaman Sandra S. (Grant) Fry, USN. Died: 31 Dec 06

Senior Airman Elizabeth A. Loncki, USAF. Died: 7 Jan 07

Petty Officer 1st Class Jennifer A. Valdivia, USN. Died: 16 Jan 07

Command Sergeant Major Marilyn L. Gabbard, IA ARNG. Died: 20 Jan 07

Specialist Carla J. Stewart, CA ARNG. Died: 28 Jan 07

Corporal Jennifer M. Parcell, USMC. Died: 7 Feb 07

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**Sergeant Ashly L. Moyer, USA. Died: 3 Mar 07

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Died: 7 Sep 07
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Died: 20 Sep 07
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Died: 1 Oct 07
Specialist Rachael L. Hugo, USAR.
Died 5 Oct 07
Staff Sergeant Lillian Clamens, USAR.
Died: 10 Oct 07
Seaman Anamarie Sannicolas Camacho, USN.
Died: 22 Oct 07
Seaman Genesia Mattril Gresham, USN.
Died: 22 Oct 07
Second Lieutenant Tracy Lynn Alger, USA.
Died: 1 Nov 07
Staff Sergeant Carletta S. Davis, USA.
Died: 5 Nov 07
Specialist Christine M. Ndururi, USA.
Died: 6 Nov 07
Specialist Ashley Sietsema, IL ARNG.
Died: 12 Nov 07
Sergeant Tracy R. Birkman, USA.
Died: 25 Jan 08
Specialist Keisha M. Morgan, USA.
Died: 22 Feb 08
Petty Officer 1st Class Cherie L. Morton, USN.
Died: 20 Apr 08
Lance Corporal Casey L. Casanova, USMC.
Died: 2 May 08
Specialist Mary J. Jaenichen, USA.
Died: 9 May 08
**Corporal Jessica A. Ellis, USA.
Died: 11 May 08
Technical Sergeant Jackie L. Larsen, USAF.
Died: 17 Jul 08
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Died: 2 Aug 08
Private Janelle F. King, USA.
Died: 14 Aug 08
Lance Corporal Stacy A. Dryden, USMC.
Died: 19 Oct 08
Private First Class Cwislyn K. Walter, HI ARNG.
Died: 19 Feb 09
Private First Class Jessica Y. Sarandrea, USA.
Died: 3 Mar 09
Staff Sergeant Amy C. Tirador, USA.
Died: 4 Nov 09
Private First Class Adriana Alvarez, USA.
Died: 10 Feb 10
Chief Warrant Officer Billie Jean Grinder, TN ARNG. Died: 21 Feb 00
Specialist Lakeshia M. Bailey, USA.
Died: 8 Mar 10
Private First Class Erin L. McLyman, USA.
Died: 13 Mar 10

**Specialist Morganne M. McBeth, USA.
Died: 2 July 10
Specialist Faith R. Hinkley, USA.
Died: 7 Aug 10

Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)
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Sergeant Jeannette L. Winters, USMC.
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Seaman Katrina R. Grady, USN.
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Died: 12 Jun 02
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Died: 23 Mar 03
Specialist Julie R. Hickey, USAR.
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Specialist Chrystal G. Stout, SC ARNG.
Died: 6 Apr 05
Sergeant Major Barbaralien Banks, USA.
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First Lieutenant Laura M. Walker, USA.
Died: 18 Aug 05
Senior Airman Alecia S. Good, USAF.
Died: 17 Feb 06
Sergeant Wakkuna A. Jackson, USA.
Died: 19 Aug 06
Sergeant First Class Merideth L. Howard, USAR.
Died: 8 Sep 06
Petty Officer 2nd Class Laquita Pate James, USN.
Died: 12 Feb 07
Specialist Ciara M. Durkin, MA ARNG.
Died: 28 Sep 07
Specialist Seteria L. Brown, USA.
Died: 25 Jul 08
Sergeant Simone A. Robinson, IL ARNG.
Died: 1 Mar 09
Lieutenant Florence B. Choe, MSC USN.
Died: 27 Mar 09
First Lieutenant Roslyn L. Schulte, USAF.
Died: 20 May 09
Senior Airman Ashtyn L. M. Goodman, USAF.
Died: 26 May 09
Staff Sergeant Tara J. Smith, USA.
Died: 8 Aug 09
Sergeant Eduviges G. Wolf, USA.
Died: 25 Oct 09
Private First Class Barbara Vieyra, USA.
Died: 18 Sep 10
Private First Class Jaysine P. S. Petree, USA.
Died: 24 Sep 10

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Died: 22 Oct 10
Lieutenant Colonel Gwendolyn A. Locht, USAF.
Died: 16 Nov 10
Sergeant Zainah C. Creamer, USA.
Died: 12 Jan 11
Private First Class Amy R. Sinkler, USA.
Died: 20 Jan 11
Staff Sergeant Cynthia R. Taylor, USA.
Died: 16 Apr 11
Sergeant Linda L. Pierre, USA.
Died: 16 Apr 11
Master Sergeant Tara R. Brown, USAF.
Died: 27 Apr 11
Specialist Devin A. Snyder, USA.
Died: 4 June 11.
First Lieutenant Ashley I. White, NC ARNG.
Died: 22 Oct
Private First Class Sarina N. Butcher, OK ARNG.
Died: 2 Nov 11
Specialist Mikayla A. Bragg, USA.
Died: 21 Dec 11
Specialist Erica P. Alecksen, USA.
Died: 8 Jul 12
Specialist Krystal M. Fitts, USA.
Died: 17 Jul 12
Private First Class Patricia L. Horne, USA.
Died: 24 Aug 12
Staff Sergeant Jessica M. Wing, ME ARNG.
Died: 27 Aug 12
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thalia S. Ramirez, USA.
Died: 5 Sep 12
Sergeant Donna R. Johnson, NC ARNG.
Died: 1 Oct 12
Sergeant Camella M. Steedley, USMC.
Died: 3 Oct 12
Specialist Brittany B. Gordon, USA.
Died: 13 Oct 12
Captain Sara M. Knutson Cullen, USA.
Died: 11 March 13
Captain Victoria A. Pinckney, USAF.
Died: 3 May 13
Lieutenant Colonel Jaimie E. Leonard, USA.
Died: 8 Jun 13
Specialist Ember M. Alt, USA.
Died: 18 Jun 13
Specialist Hilda I. Clayton, USA.
Died: 2 Jul 13
Specialist Caryn E. Nouv, USA.
Died: 27 Jul 13
First Lieutenant Jennifer M. Moreno, USA.
Died: 6 Oct 13

Private First Class Daniela Rojas, USA.
Died: 3 May 14
Boatswain Mate Seaman Yeshabel Villot-Carrasco,
USN. Died: 19 Jun 14

**Major Adrianna M. Vorderbruggen, USAF.
Died: 21 Dec 15

Operation New Dawn (Iraq)
Military Women Casualties
Sep 1, 2010 – Dec 15, 2011

Petty Officer 2nd Class Dominique Cruz, USN.
Died: 18 Jan 11

Operation Freedom’s Sentinel
(Afghanistan)
Military Women Casualties
Jan 2015 – present

Major Maria Victoria Sanchez, USAF.
Died: 26 Feb 15
Senior Airman Kcey Elena Ruiz, USAF.
Died: 2 Oct 15
Major Phyllis J. Pelky, USAF.
Died 11 Oct 15

Combined Joint Task Force
Operation Inherent Resolve
(One Mission–Many Nations)
Military Women Casualties
Oct 2014 – present

First Lieutenant Anais Alejandra Torbar, USAF.
Died: 18 Jul 16
Staff Sergeant Alexandria Mae Morrow, USAF.
Died: 22 March 17
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