



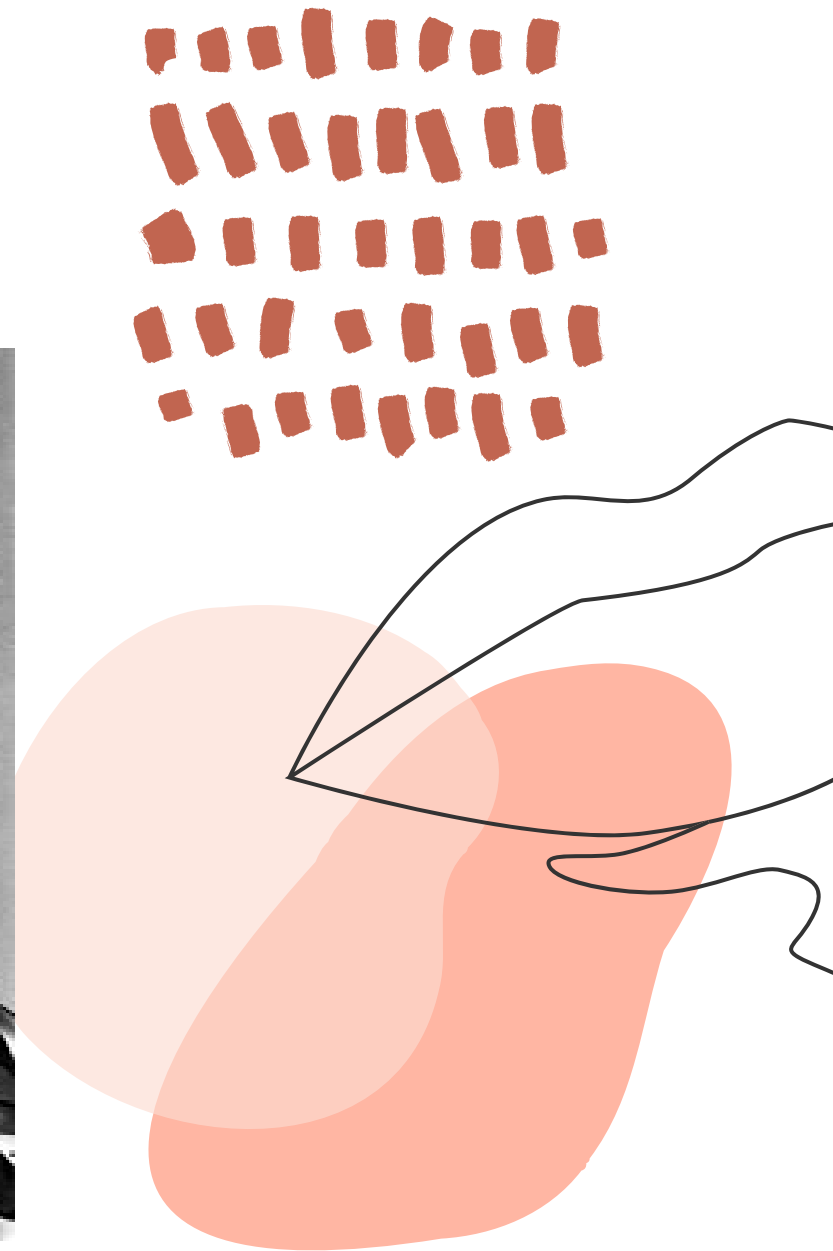
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Women Veterans History Month

Trailblazers

Bernice "Bea Arthur" Frankel

- Born: May 12, 1922
- Died: April 25, 2009
- Enlisted into the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943.
- During WWII, Arthur served as a typist and eventually a truck driver and dispatcher between 1943-1945.
- By the end of 1945, Frankel left the Marine Corps with an honorable discharge and the rank of staff sergeant to pursue acting.
- Commonly known as "Dorothy Zbornak" on The Golden Girls



Marcelite J. Harris

- First woman aircraft maintenance officer.
- One of the first two women air officers commanding the U.S Air Force Academy.
- First woman deputy commander for maintenance.
- Served in the White House as a social aide for the Carter administration.



Ann Elizabeth Dunwoody

- Born: January 14, 1953
- Years of Service: 1975–2012
- Participated in Gulf War
- First Woman to achieve a four-star officer rank.
- Received Fourth Star on November 14, 2008.



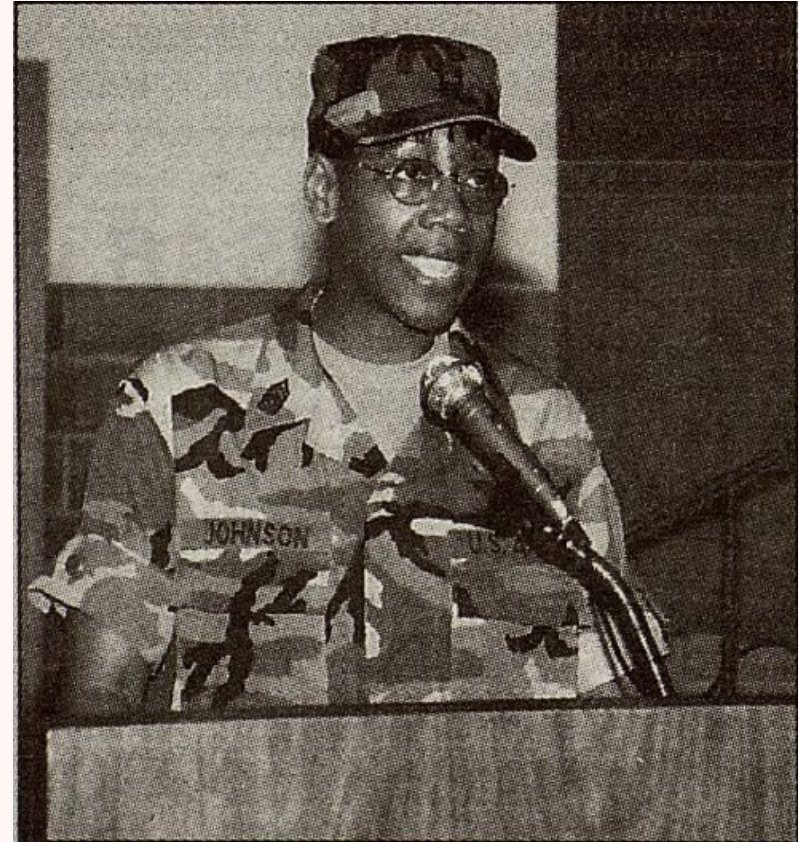
Grace Murray Hopper

- Born: December 9, 1906
- Died: January 1, 1992
- Years in Service: 1943-1986
- Received the, Presidential Medal of Freedom, National Medal of Technology and Innovation, IEEE Emanuel R. Piore Award.
- United States Navy Rear Admiral
- Invented the A-0 System



Alma Johnson

- Born: c.1954
- First African-American woman earning rank of CSM
- Drilled with the 153rd Finance Battalion, Florida National Guard.
- Served for over 22+ years
- Has earned Army Commendation Medal, Florida Distinguished Service Medal, Florida Governor's Meritorious Service Unit Citation.



Eileen Collins

- Born: November 19, 1956
- United States Air Force Colonel
- First Female Pilot and first female commander.
- Retired NASA astronaut
- Awarded with Glamour Woman of the Year Award and numerous other awards.



Hazel Johnson-Brown

- First Black Chief of the Army Corps.
- First Black Female Brigadier General.
- Joined the U.S Army in 1955.
- Served as a professor of Nursing at Georgetown University.



Elsie S. Ott

- Born: 1913
- Died: 2006
- First woman to receive the United States Air Medal in 1943
- Worked as a 2nd Lieutenant Flight Nurse.



Sarah Emma Edmonds

- Born: December 1841
- Died: September 5, 1898
- Served as a man with the Union Army.
- Was a Spy during the American Civil War.
- Was a Nurse in the Union Army.





Jennie Hodgers

- Born: December 25, 1843
- Died: October 10, 1915
- Served in the Civil War in the Union.
- Soldier in the 95th Illinois Infantry.
- Enlisted as a male known as Albert Cashier.
- Continued as Albert Cashier until death.



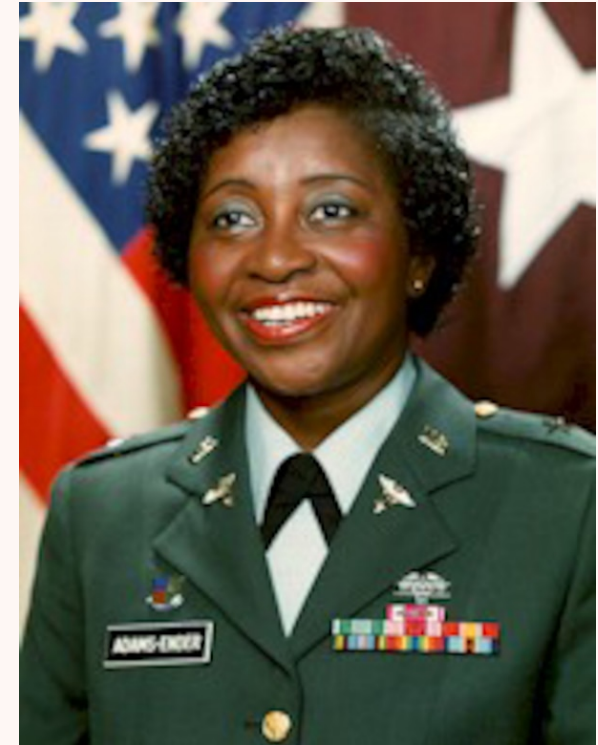
Carmen Maria Lozano Dumler

- Born: September 18, 1921
- Died: March 29, 2015
- Rank: Second Lieutenant
- Years Active: 1944 – 1946
- During the initial stages of WWII, Lozano was one of thirteen Latina women selected to serve as bilingual/interpreter nurses amongst 1500 other women for the Army Nurse Corps, 65th Infantry Regiment
- Awards: Army Good Conduct Medal, Women's Army Corps Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal



Clara L. Adams-Ender

- First Army woman to qualify for the Expert Field Medical Badge.
- First woman awarded the Expert Field Medical Badge.
- First woman to earn a Master of Military Arts & Science degree.
- Attended the U.S Army Command.
- Attended the General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.



Pauline Cushman

- Born: June 10, 1883
- Died: December 2, 1893
- Was a Spy for the Union Army during the American Civil War.
- Was named and considered one of the MOST successful Civil War Spies.
- Also known as a famous American Actress.



Dr. Mary Edwards Walker

- Born: November 26, 1832
- Died: February 21, 1919
- Only woman to ever receive the Medal of Honor.
- Was a Surgeon, Abolitionist, prohibitionist, and a surgeon in her lifetime.



Emeline Piggott

- Born: December 15, 1836
- Died: May 26, 1919
- Served during the American Civil War.
- Was a spy for the Confederate States of America.
- Hid messages in her skirt and sneaked them into opposing states.



Michele S. Jones

- First Woman Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve.
- First woman to be chosen as a senior NCO in ANY Army component.
- Was one of the Highest ranking enlisted African American in any of the Military services at one time.
- Enlisted in the Army in 1982.
- First woman to serve as class president at the United States Sergeant Major Academy.



Helen Fairchild

- Born: November 21, 1885
- Died: January 18, 1918
- An American Nurse
- Served in the American Expeditionary Force during WW1.
- Became widely known for her letters home to family.
- Described the life as a combat nurse during WW1.



Sharon Ann Lane

- Born: July 7, 1943
- Died: June 8, 1969
- Was a First Lieutenant in the United States Army.
- Only American Servicewoman to have passed away during the Vietnam War due to enemy fire.



Jacqueline Cochran

- Born: May 11, 1906
- Died: August 9, 1980
- American Pilot
- Earned the Distinguished Service Medal.
- First Woman to break the sound barrier on May 18, 1953.



Carmen Contreras-Bozak

- First Hispanic American to serve in the Women's Army Corps.
- Puerto Rican decent from New York City.
- Assigned to the Signal Corps.
- Sent and Received coded messages between Dwight D. Eisenhower's quarters, and the battlefield in Tunisia.
- Received Two Battle Stars, World War II Victory Medal, an American Campaign Medal, a WAAC Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.



Michelle Howard

- Born: April 30, 1960
- Highest ranking woman and African-American serving as a Four-Star Admiral (Navy)
- Years of Service: 1982 – 2017
- Participated in the Gulf War.
- Awards: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Navy Distinguished Service Medal (2), Defense Superior Service Medal (2), Legion of Merit (3), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (4), Navy Achievement Medal.



Nancy Harkness Love

- Born: February 14, 1914
- Died: October 22, 1976
- Was an American Pilot During WW2
- Was a Commander during WW2.
- Earned her Pilot's license at the age of 16 years old.



Mary Borden

- Born: May 15, 1886
- Died: December 2, 1968
- War Nurse
- Wrote novels and poems based on her experienced during war.
- Wrote, *The Forbidden Zone* (1929), *Action for Slander* (1937).



Mildred Aldrich

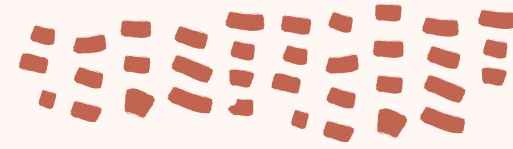
- Born: November 16, 1853
- Died: February 19, 1928
- She was an American Journalist, and Writer.
- Wrote many Famous War novels, and Journals.
- *On the Edge of the War (1917), The Peak of the Load (1918).*



Dr. Karen A. Archondidas

- She enlisted in the Army November 1986 and completed all levels of military training as a Nutrition Care Specialist at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and retired after 25 years on active duty as a Command Sergeant Major and joined the Civilian Corp in 2011.
- Dr. Archondidis is also an Associate Professor with Trident University's educational leadership program focused on educating Veterans and their Families for life.
- Dr. Archondidis assumed duties as the Deputy Commandant AMEDD NCO Academy on October 11, 2011.





Jane Kendeigh

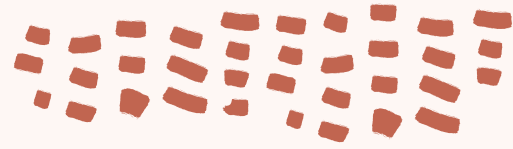
- Born: March 30, 1922
- Died: July 19, 1987
- Was a U.S. Navy Flight Nurse.
- First Navy Flight nurse to enter an active combat zone.
- Served at the battle of Iwo Jima.



Susan Ahn Cuddy

- Born: January 16, 1915
- Died: June 24, 2015
- First Female Gunnery Officer in the U.S. Navy.
- Was employed at the National Security Agency and the Library of Congress.





Ruby Bradley

- Born: December 19, 1907
- Died: May 28, 2002
- Was a Colonel in the U.S. Army.
- Nurse Corps Officer
- Prisoner of the Japanese during WW2.
- Most decorated women in the United States Military.



Opha May Johnson

- Born: May 4, 1878
- Died: August 11, 1955
- First known woman to join the United States Marine Corps Reserves.
- Joined on August 13, 1918.
- Achieved the rank of Sergeant.



Darlene Iskra

- Born: January 31, 1952
- First woman to command a United States Navy Vessel.
- Assumed the command of a salvage ship called USS Opportune on December 27, 1990.
- Has written a book called, *Women in the United States Armed Forces: A Guide to the Issues* (2010).



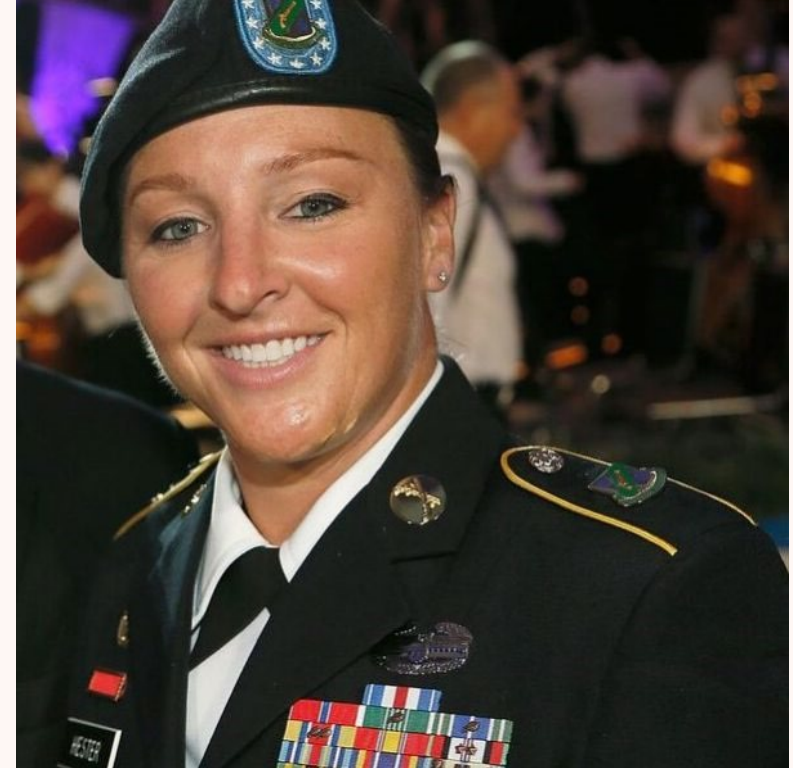
Martha McSally

- Born: March 22, 1966
- Former Military Pilot,
- Also was an American Politician.
- Served as a Senator for Arizona in 2019, and 2020.
- Served for Arizona's 2nd congressional district from 2015-2019.
- Wrote a book, *Dare to Fly: Simple Lessons in Never Giving Up* (2020).



Leigh Ann Hester

- Born: January 12, 1982
- Served in the United States Army National Guard.
- Assigned to the 617th Military Police Company.
- First female to receive the Silver Star since WW2.
- Achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class.
- Served in Iraq War, War In Afghanistan, and Hurricane Maria response.



Miyako N. Schanely

- First female Japanese-American, reserve engineer promoted to General Officer.
- Second Japanese-American woman to have reached the rank at a ceremony in Vicksburg, MS.
- Achieved the rank of Brigadier General.
- Was in the Engineer Corps.



Sherri Gallagher

- Born: 1984
- Serves in the United States Army.
- Holds 22 United States National Rifle Records.
- In 2010 was named the U.S. Army Soldier of the Year.
- Achieved the rank of Sergeant.



Patricia Horoho

- Born: March 21, 1960
- Years in Service: 1982-2016
- Was a Lieutenant General in the United States Army in the Medical Command.
- Held Positions of command In the United States Medical Command, Surgeon General, and Army and Commanding General.
- First woman and first Nurse Corps officer to hold these positions.



Susan Pangelinan

- Born: 1962
- Member of the United States Air Force
- Was awarded the STEM Role Model Award. (2009)
- Was named the Most Impressive Women in the U.S Military in 2013.
- Has achieved awards in Technology and Engineering.



Julie A. M. Guerra

- Entered the U.S. Army in June 1994
- She has held many leadership positions starting out as Team Leader all the way to Command Sergeant Major.
- She has earned well over 20 different medals and awards for her selfless service and outstanding leadership skills.
- She has successfully attended numerous schools and currently serves as the Department of the Army G-2 Sergeant Major at the Pentagon.



Margaret H. Woodward

- Born: 1960
- Former American Military Officer, and Major General in the United States Air Force.
- Commanded the 17th Air Force and U.S Air Forces Africa.
- She also commanded the Ramstein Air Base in Germany.



Maria Urso

- Received Top Honors for Scientific Excellence.
- Received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers on July 31, 2012.
- Served and Commissioned into the United States Army.



Ginnie & Lottie Moon

- Two Sisters who were members of the Confederates during the Civil War.
- Both Sisters were spies.
- Ginnie was born in 1844 and passed in 1925.
- Lottie was born in 1828 and passed in 1895.



Danielle Farber

- SGT Danielle Farber made history by becoming the first enlisted female from the Pennsylvania National Guard to graduate from Ranger School.
- On average, only 48% of students graduate Ranger School.
- She has a bachelor's degree in leisure and sports studies from Kutztown University.

