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Foundation Events Highlight Women's History Month

THE ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION INAUGURAL SYMPOSIUM and Hall of Fame Luncheon held March 24th provided a forum for discussing issues affecting Army women and for honoring two eminent women soldiers. Those attending agreed it was among "the best ever" programs focusing on women soldiers.

The morning symposium was held in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill and focused on Army women in transition. The program was opened by Foundation president, retired Major Gen. Dee Ann McWilliams, who welcomed attendees and moderated the discussions.

The first panel focused on the role of women in the Army. Sgt. Jennifer Hunt, a reserve civil affairs specialist talked from the perspective of a returning combat veteran. Wounded when an IED struck her vehicle, she said that she finds the definition of stress is very different for those who've been in combat. Retired Brig. Gen. Pat Foote spoke of the changes she saw during her Army career.

The second panel focused on workforce development and the transitioning soldier. Ms. Linda Hallman, executive director of the American Association of University Women



The Hall of Fame Luncheon, from left: Generals Casey, Foote, and McWilliams; Command Sgt. Major Pritchett; Ms. Trossen; Gen. Dunwoody; Mr. Brooks (photo by Shaklee Photography)

and a former member of the U.S. Army Band, advised women to take advantage of testing to find their strengths.

The final panel looked at the legislative perspective, resources and challenges. Congresswoman Carol Shear-Porter (D-N.H.) spoke of the impact of service on all members of the family. She also noted that while women are as capable as men it's still necessary to remind some that this is so. Congressman Randy Forbes (R-Va.) spoke of the need to come to grips with sexual assault and harassment. Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, director of the Army's diversity office, spoke of the help and support gained from affinity groups and encouraged women to participate.

Following the symposium the first annual Hall of Fame Luncheon was held at the nearby Capitol Hyatt. Gen. George C. Casey, Army chief of staff, was the keynote speaker. He

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Thirty Five Years of Service — Making a Difference

SERVICE BEYOND 35 YEARS HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. For many years, regulations specifying retirement at certain times for certain ranks made it impossible for all but the most senior officers or NCOs to stay on active duty beyond 30 years. More recently, these regulations have eased, and a few men and women are achieving longer periods of service.

While no definitive list exists, we know of several women who have exceeded 35 years of active continuous federal service.

The first known woman soldier to go "over 35" is **retired Maj. Gen. Mary E. Clarke**. A native of New York, she enlisted in August 1945 and served continuously until her retirement in October 1981, achieving a record of over 36 years of active

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President's Message

I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION.

Over the last three years through the leadership of re-



Newly elected president, Dee McWilliams, examines the official Foundation president's pin. (AWF photo)

tired Command Sgt. Maj. Sue Pierce and Lt. Col. Pat Sigle, I've watched the organization mature. Their efforts ensure that the legacy of our founders is secure, and that a solid foundation is set for the future. Now

we're ready for the next step: capacity building for long term growth to enhance our mission of remembering and honoring our past, while celebrating and supporting today's women soldiers.

At our fall board meeting we confirmed our strategic objectives for this year: complete the museum expansion project and support the museum director's mission to provide educational programs for our soldiers; build capacity by delivering meaningful and relevant programs; extend our reach to more constituents whose interests align with ours; and build strategic relationships to complement our initiatives.

Our commitment to our museum is unwavering. We're working with the museum and Fort Lee officials to resolve infrastructure issues associ-

ated with the museum expansion; these will be resolved soon.

The successful completion of our first symposium and awards luncheon is a major achievement. This is an important element of our outreach program and one on which we will build in many ways.

A foundation our size cannot do everything. The best way to gain momentum and extend our leverage is to find like-minded strategic partners for mutual support. One premier partner is the Keller Center for Corporate Learning, a division of DeVry University. They were the leading sponsor of our symposium and have committed to providing financial and subject matter support for our 2010 symposium. You will hear more about our partnerships as they evolve.

I'm very pleased to report that the costs for the symposium and luncheon were not only fully covered by our sponsors, but we saw a small profit. In these tight economic times this level of commitment validates our Foundation mission.

Three new Board members have joined us; I'm pleased to introduce Miriam Cruz, Caryn Wagner, and Nanette White. Brief biographical sketches are on p. 9. I'd also like to thank three departing board members whose efforts have been instrumental to our success: Lt. Col. Roberta Dobbs, Col. Pat Jernigan, and Master Sgt. Joan Plourde (all U.S. Army retired).

Roberta was a member of the board for more than five years, most recently serving as secretary. She could always be counted on to step up and lead important projects. Pat served on the board for eight years, assisting in many areas. Although she has resigned, I am pleased that she has agreed to take on the role of Foundation historian. Joan Plourde is one of our longest serving members, with 30 years on the various Foundation boards. For the past several years she has served ably as 2nd vice president, concentrating on investments.

Last, but by no means least, a special thanks to you, our supporters, who continue to believe in what we are doing and show that commitment financially and through volunteer activities. I hope that I can count on your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns, or if you would like to volunteer to assist the Foundation.

— Dee McWilliams

Note from the Editor: In October, the Board elected retired Major Gen. Dee Ann McWilliams as president to succeed Command Sgt. Major Sue Pierce, who completed the unexpired term of her predecessor, Lt. Col. Pat Sigle. With prior service on the Army Women's Museum Foundation Board, and the advisory board since its inception, she was well positioned for her new responsibilities.

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Five Scholarships Awarded by the Army Women's Foundation

FIVE WOMEN FROM A VERY COMPETITIVE GROUP of applicants were selected as the recipients of the 2009 Army Women's Foundation



Legacy Scholarships. Four of the five are currently active or reserve soldiers; the fifth is the daughter of an active duty soldier. Applicants represented colleges and universities in Alabama, Florida, Wisconsin, Arizona, Michigan, Texas, Kansas, South Dakota and California.

To be considered applicants must submit an essay, transcript of grades, recommendations and other supporting information. They are evaluated on their submissions by a special committee of the Foundation's board. Ratings assigned are based on the documentation submitted; essays, recommendations, and grades are all important.

The need for financial assistance is great. Tuition costs at private institutions are often \$25,000 or more per year; it can be daunting to pursue a bachelor's or advanced degree. The Legacy scholarship provides \$2,500 for education related expenses.

Congratulations are in order for the five recipients: Master Sgt. Jennifer J. Bishop, Specialist Jennifer J. Myrick, Sgt. First Class Tamara C. Pallone, Ms. Kristen M. Ribich, and Sgt. Kimberly L. Zimmerman.



Photo courtesy of Sgt. Bishop

Master Sgt. Jennifer Bishop enlisted as a combat medic in 1990. She has deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq where she reports that she was challenged physically and mentally. Her service includes

duty as a drill sergeant and first sergeant. She is a member of the Fort Sam Houston Audie Murphy Club and will attend the Sergeant's Major Academy this fall. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree at the University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Tex. Sgt. Bishop's scholarship was sponsored by the TriWest Health Care Alliance.

Specialist Jennifer Myrick is serving in Qatar in the medical logistics field and taking online courses from the University of Maryland. She is majoring in humanities and hopes to follow her



Specialist Myrick with Dingo at Camp As Sayliyzh in August 2008 (photo courtesy Specialist Myrick)

mother into a teaching career. Specialist Myrick's scholarship was sponsored by Keller Center for Corporate Learning, a division of DeVry University.

Sgt. First Class Tamara Pallone

is a junior pursuing studies in computer information systems at Strayer University. She is married, has two children, and is responsible for an elderly parent; she recently returned from deployment in Iraq. Sgt. Pallone continued her studies through online courses during her deployment and reported that she also encouraged other soldiers to continue their education. Sgt. Pallone's scholarship was sponsored by Raytheon. She was the only recipient able to attend the luncheon to re-



Photo of Sgt. Pallone from AWF files.

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ceive her scholarship in person.

Ms. Kristen M. Ribich is a junior at the University of Arizona focusing her studies on East Asia, with a concentration on



Photo courtesy Ms. Ribich.

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Notes from the Executive Director

An Executive Director cannot accomplish very much without a lot of help. With a great many things happening within the Army Women's Foundation, much of it reported in *The Flagpole*, I want to focus some attention on our partners.

Museum Update. We have a long-standing partnership with the museum staff and Fort Lee to accomplish the museum expansion. We solicited bids from three design/build firms and have selected SMBW Architects, Richmond, Va. to submit designs for the façade, entranceway and new multi-purpose room. The director is assisting us with post officials as we work on required changes and infrastructure expenses, i.e., moving utilities and water main placement. Progress will be reported in future newsletters and on line at www.awfdn.org.

Objectives for 2009. The Foundation board has adopted an ambitious agenda for 2009, even as we expand the museum. To accomplish these objectives requires new partnerships and ways of doing business.

- **Web Enhancements.** We are seeing increased traffic on our web site. The symposium and Hall of Fame luncheon have increased our visibility and people are looking for more information about the Foundation and our programs. The board has budgeted to upgrade the web site so that it is more informative, timely and user-friendly. To take advantage of this, we are exploring partnerships with other organizations to increase the visibility of our site, expand its scope, and provide more content.

- **Oral Histories.** We have collected oral histories from women who served in all conflicts and theaters since World War II. By the end of 2009, we hope to partner with one or more institutions experienced in the complicated technical process of turning tapes into written and internet accessible records. We plan to expand the program to obtain re-

cordings from women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

- **Virtual Gift Shop.** With the closure of the Footlocker Gift Shop last year, we have converted to a virtual (internet based) gift shop to support our friends. Merchandise with our new logo is featured, along with some of the most requested items from the past. More items will be added in the next few months.

- **The Transitions Symposium and Hall of Fame Luncheon.** Elsewhere in *The Flagpole* you'll find more information on this first AWF event held on March 24th. We have been very pleased with the response, and planning has begun for next year's symposium and luncheon. Several of our new partners have already committed to working with us again next year. We are thrilled!

- **Legacy Scholarships.** Even before the incredible increase in applications for our 2009 educational grants, the board asked that the program be expanded, if possible. It is clear that this is possible. I am already receiving inquiries for next year. Our partners in getting the word out to potential scholarship applicants included the Army Nurse Corps Association, National Guard units, Academy Women, and others. Our 2009 applicants and recipients have shown us how important and valuable these grants are to them. We anticipate even more qualified applicants this coming year. We are indebted to our partners, DeVry, Raytheon and TriWest, for leading the way with sponsorship.

There is much more to be done. With help from our old and new partners, we will keep moving forward.

— **Peggy Trossen**

Please help us spread the word about the **Legacy scholarship program**. Information for applicants for the 2010 awards will be posted on the Foundation web site, look under programs, then Legacy

Upcoming Events

May 3-6 — Nashville, Tenn.: Army Aviation Association of America convention. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the graduation of the first women aviators. The AAAA banquet on May 6th will feature special recognition of women in Army aviation. Details at www.quad-a.org.

May 23 — Fairfax, Va.: Army Women's Spring Luncheon at Army Navy Country Club, Fairfax. For information, contact Pat Jernigan at patslist@earthlink.net.

Until May 31st — Washington, D.C., National Museum of the American Indian. Comic art exhibition features 35 artworks by American Indians, including "G.I. Gertie" drawn by WW-2 WAC Eva Mirabal (Taos Pueblo).

June 25-28 — Seattle, Wash.: Retired Army Medical Specialist Corps Association will hold a general meeting, Specialist Corps update, tours and a banquet. Details at www.ramsca.org.

Aug. 19-23 — Scottsdale, Ariz.: Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association National Convention. For more information see www.armywomen.org.

Sep. 18-20 — Arlington, Va.: AcademyWomen 2009 Symposium: "Voices: Shining Light on the Story Within," Women in Military Service for America Memorial. Details at www.academywomen.org.

Sep. 24-25 — Arlington, Va.: Women's Research and Education Institute with the Alliance for National Defense, Eighth Conference on Women in the Military, "Moving Forward Using the Lessons of the Past," Women in Military Service for America Memorial. Details at www.wrei.org.

Scholarships at www.awfdn.org.

Donations for the scholarship program are also welcome!

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duty. She served in every enlisted rank up to first sergeant. Commissioned in 1948, she served in a variety of staff and command jobs, including WAC Training Battalion commander and WAC Center commander. In 1975 she was selected for brigadier general as the ninth and last director of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). When the WAC was



Maj. Gen. Clarke speaks at her retirement, Oct. 1981 (photo credit: Redstone Arsenal)

disestablished she was reassigned as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Military Police Center and School, Fort McClellan, Ala. She is the first Army woman to reach two star rank. In retirement she has continued to support veterans and has served on many boards, committees and panels.

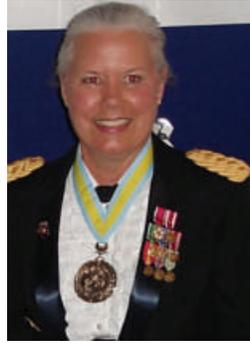
Command Sgt. Maj. Mary E. Sutherland, from Welch, West Va., enlisted in the WAC in June 1969. She served at posts in the United States as well as Germany, Italy, Honduras and Bosnia. Career highlights included serving as the command sergeant major for the 1st Armored Division Support Command while deployed to Bosnia, and as the senior enlisted advisor to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. She retired from active duty due to ill health in 2004, with 35 years of service. She died in August 2005.



CSM Sutherland talks with cadets (credit: John Pellino, West Point Multimedia).

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jeanne Pace, from Tacoma, Wash., planned to enlist in the Air Force, following in the path of her parents and her sister. When she found that the Air Force band sought college-educated musicians, she turned to the Army. Enlisting in the WAC in July 1972 she began her ca-

reer with the 14th Army Band (WAC), then the only band assignment open to women. She has since served in many Army bands. She is the former commander of the 1st Cavalry Division Band, Fort Hood, Tex.; 79th Army Band, Panama; 399th Army Band, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and, she served as the commander of The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, Fort Myer, Va. She is the last member of the WAC band serving on active duty. Chief Pace will have 37 years of active service in July 2009.



CW5 Pace at the Army Women's Museum (Credit: CW5 Pace)

Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia A. Pritchett, a native of Concord, N.H., enlisted in the WAC as a supply specialist in July 1973. Her assignments included supply, training, recruiting station commander, and first sergeant. After her selection as command sergeant major she served at battalion and installation levels, followed by a tour as command sergeant major of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kans. She was the first woman to serve as the Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan command sergeant major. She is currently assigned to Central Command where she works international security cooperation issues. Sgt. Maj. Pritchett has almost 36 years of service. She is the first enlisted inductee in the Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame (for more information see Women's History on p. 1).



Gen. Dunwoody with Sgt. Major Pritchett at the AWF Hall of Fame induction luncheon March 24, 2009. (AWF photo)

Command Sgt. Maj. Debra L. Strickland, from Coral Gables, Fla., enlisted in July 1973. Trained as a personnel specialist, she has been assigned to a series of progressively responsible positions in the States and Germany. She has been a drill sergeant, personnel NCO, first sergeant and command sergeant major. She was the first active duty female reserve advisor for the Army Reserve Readiness Group, Fort Sill, Okla. During an assignment to Germany she was the command proponent for the uniform regulation, and following that, was an enlisted action officer for AR 670-1, the uniform regulation. She has served as garrison command sergeant major and as the command sergeant major with the Installation Management Agency and Installation Management Command. She is currently assigned as the Kabul garrison sergeant major for the International Security Assistance Force Afghanistan. She will reach 36 years of active service in July and expects to retire after this assignment.



CSM Strickland passes the NCO sword at the change of responsibility ceremony (Army photo)

Do you know of other women who have 35 or more years of continuous service? Or Army Reserve or National Guard women who have service spanning longer periods? Please write or email the Foundation (see page 3 for addresses). We would like to recognize long serving women in future issues of *The Flagpole* or on our web site.

Late breaking news...

Congratulations to retired colonel and fifth WAC director **Mary Louise Milligan Rasmuson** on her induction to the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame March 6th! Col. Rasmuson, who resides in Anchorage, is a long time friend of the Foundation and is an honorary director emeritus.

Transitions

IT IS A PLEASURE TO REPORT THE RECORD-BREAKING PROMOTIONS OF NINE WOMEN GENERAL OFFICERS. Not so long ago it was unusual to report any female general's promotion. Women comprise about 15% of the force, and about 5% of the general officers.

On November 14th **Gen. Ann Dunwoody** was promoted to her present rank at a Pentagon ceremony. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates spoke of the importance of the women who paved the way for Gen. Dunwoody. Gen. Casey, Army chief of staff, mentioned several women pioneers by name: the first women generals, Anna Mae Hays and Elizabeth P. Hoisington, and the first major general, Mary E. Clarke. Gen. Casey and retired Air Force colonel Craig Brotchie, Gen. Dunwoody's husband, attached her new rank. For a report on Gen. Dunwoody's selection see page 1 of the summer 2008 *The Flagpole*; for details of the ceremony see the Judy Matteson's report on p. 13.



Gen. Farrissee (AWF photo)

Major Gen. Gina Farrissee received her second star on December 22nd. She is currently assigned as the director of Military Personnel Management in the

G-1 office at the Pentagon. An ROTC graduate from the University of Richmond (1978), she was commissioned in the Adjutant General's Corps. Her assignments include White Sands, N.M., Fort Bliss, Tex., Fort Lewis, Wash., and Washington, D.C. She served two tours in Germany.

Major Gen. Susan Lawrence was promoted to her present rank on January 2nd; she is the commanding general of the Army's Network Enter-

prise Technology Command, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. A graduate of Campbell University in North Carolina, she was commissioned through ROTC in the Signal

Corps in 1979. Her assignments have included Fort Gordon, Ga., Fort Hood, Tex., and Washington, D.C.; she served overseas in Korea, Germany and Kuwait.

Congratulations are in order for six newly promoted brigadier generals whose selections were mentioned in the summer 2008 *The Flagpole*. The generals, their branches, current assignments and dates of rank are:

Heidi V. Brown, Air Defense, deputy commander (sustainment), I Corps and Fort Lewis, Wash., Dec. 2, 2008; **Karen E. Dyson**, Finance Corps, deputy director for the Army Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2, 2009; **Patricia A. Heritsch**, Transportation Corps, commander, 100th Training Division, Louisville, Ky., Sept. 30, 2008; **Colleen L. McGuire**, Military Police Corps, director, senior leader development, Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C., Dec. 2, 2008; **N. Lee S. Price**, Acquisition Corps, deputy program manager, Future Combat Systems Brigade Combat Team, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Nov. 13, 2008; and, **Camille M. Nichols**, Acquisition Corps, commanding general, Army Expeditionary Contracting Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., Feb. 16, 2009.

Five of the six new generals are regular Army, two are Military Academy graduates (class of 1981): Brown and Nichols. Generals Dyson, Heritsch and McGuire received their commissions through ROTC; Gen. Price was commissioned through OCS. Gen. Heritsch is an Army reserve officer.



Gen. Lawrence's new rank was pinned on by family members (credit: Army photo)

The Alabama National Guard's first woman general, **Sheryl Gordon**, took command of the 62nd Troop Command in February. Her promotion is pending federal recognition.

Congratulations are also extended to two retiring generals.

Major Gen. Donna L. Dacier retired in November after 34 years of active and reserve service. She attended one of the last WAC officer orientation courses at Fort McClellan, Ala. After several Signal Corps assignments, she transferred to the Army National Guard and later to the Army Reserve. She was mobilized in 2004 for duty as the commanding general of the



Gen. Dacier is congratulated after her change of command ceremony. (Credit: U.S. Army)

335th Theater Signal Command (Provisional) at Camp Doha, Kuwait. Next she assumed command of the 311th Theater Signal Command as it moved from Fort Meade, Md. to Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Interviewed for an article in *Soldiers Magazine*, Gen. Dacier noted that when she came into the Army a female two-star was unheard of; as a young officer she had no expectation of becoming a general.

Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, the first female graduate of the U.S. Military Academy (Class of 1981) to reach general officer rank, retired in September with 28 years of service. A native of Willseyville, N.Y., she served in a variety of command and staff positions including commander of the Division Support Command, 10th Mountain Division, with duty in Afghanistan as the Combined Command C-4 (Logistics) officer. She also commanded the 3rd Corps Support Command during a deployment to Iraq. Her last position prior to retiring was as the commanding general of the Army Ordnance Center and Schools at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

In the News

First Lady Michelle Obama opened Women's History Month with a visit to the Women's Memorial at Arlington National



Mrs. Obama speaks at the Women's Memorial (AWF photo)

Cemetery on March 3rd. After a tour of the memorial, she spoke with active duty women, veterans and friends highlighting the progressive development of women's roles in the military. Also attending were veterans of the 6888th Postal Battalion, and USAR Major Tammy Duckworth, recent nominee for a position as an assistant secretary in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sgt. Margaret H. Herrera, USAR, from San Antonio, Tex., was selected to dance with newly inaugurated President Barack Obama at the Commander-in-Chief Ball on Jan. 21st. In-



Sgt. Herrera with the commander-in-chief (DOD photo)

terviewed by NBC correspondent Ann Curry, she said dancing with the president was "a very nice experience...He puts you at ease." Sgt. Herrera

served with relief forces during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and has served in Kuwait. She was assigned to the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee.

Captain Laura Peters, a high school biology teacher and Army reserve civil affairs specialist, received the Department of State's prestigious Superior Honor Award for her work with a brigade provincial reconstruction team (PRT) in Salah Ad Din Province, Iraq. While it is relatively unusual for soldiers to receive this award, other Army

recipients include Gen. David Petraeus and retired general Barry R. McCaffrey. The ribbon is authorized for wear on the Army uniform.

Retired **Chief Warrant Officer Doris I. "Lucki" Allen** will be inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca on June 26th. She is the first black military women to be so honored. Dr. Allen served three tours in Vietnam as an intelligence analyst from 1967 to 1970. She holds a doctorate in psychology and is active in community and veterans affairs.



CWO Allen in Vietnam (photo courtesy of the Women's Memorial)

Louisiana honors general. The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs named retired **Brig. Gen. Sherian Cadoria** the 2008 Louisiana Woman Veteran of the Year during a two-day veterans forum. Gen. Cadoria was commissioned in the WAC in 1962, and served in the United States, Germany and Vietnam. She was the first woman to command a criminal investigation command (First Region, Fort Meade, Md.). Since retiring in 1990, she has been active in education and veter-



(Photo courtesy of SSG Stephanie Cross)

ans projects, and has been the recipient of many honors recognizing her exceptional service.

The photo shows Gen. Cadoria at the veterans' forum. She is shown at left, with Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, associate director, Veterans Affairs Center for Women Veterans.

Former West Point cadet, **Jennifer Schuble**, took the gold medal in the women's 500m track cycling event at the Paralympics in Beijing, China last August, setting a new record.

Ms. Schuble was forced to leave West Point in 1999 after experiencing a traumatic brain injury while participating in hand-to-hand combat training. She has since earned both bachelor's and master's degrees and works full time.



(Photo courtesy of Ms. Schuble)

Last summer changes were announced to the lyrics of two **U.S. Military Academy (USMA) songs**, *Alma Mater* and *To The Corps*. Academy superintendent Lt. Gen. F. L. Hagenbeck noted that 3,000 USMA graduates are women and that the songs, important symbols of the academy, excluded women. The funerals of West Point women graduates killed in action made this decision "...simply the right thing to do."

Professor Commissioned at 58. Dr. Carol Haertlein Sells, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Department of Occupational Therapy has joined the Army for two years to set up a doctoral program for Army occupational therapists. Commissioned as a captain, she will be assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Tex. as part of a pilot program that allows health care professionals to serve in the Army for two years as commissioned officers.

Five women were selected to join the U.S. Army Parachute Team. Known as the Golden Knights, they are among the graduates of the 2008 training program. The newly selected Golden Knights (In the News continued on p. 12)

In Memoriam

This newsletter combines casualties from Afghanistan and Iraq with other deaths that have come to our attention. It is with regret that we report each passing and offer condolences to the family, friends and colleagues who survive.

Pfc. Jennifer L. Cole, 34, from American Canyon, Calif., died in Bayji, Iraq on Aug. 2, 2008 in a non-combat incident. Pfc. Cole joined the Army in



Pfc. Cole in field gear (Credit: www.soldiersbibleministry.com)

2007 and was assigned to the 426th Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division as a truck driver. Prior to enlisting she worked in her mother's flower shop in Vallejo, Calif. In addition to her mother she is survived by two brothers and other family members.

Pvt. Janelle F. King, 23, from Merced, Calif., died in Baghdad, Iraq on Aug. 14, 2008 from injuries suffered in a non-combat incident. She enlisted in 2007, and was a health care specialist with the 115th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Polk, La. She was assigned to a detainee center near the Baghdad airport. Both of her parents served in the Air Force, and she grew up at various Air Force bases. She is survived by her mother,



Pvt. King (Credit: Modesto Bee)

father, step-brother, stepsister and step-mother. She was buried at Fort Sill, Okla. with military honors.

Paula Loyd, 36, from San Antonio, Tex., died Jan. 7, 2009 at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Tex., from burns received Nov. 4, 2008 in Maywand, near Kandahar, Afghanistan. She was doused with gasoline and set afire by an Afghan man as she walked in a village market. Ms. Loyd, a civilian contractor, was a member of the human terrain team. She was a graduate of Wellesley College and held a masters' degree from Georgetown University. She served on active duty in the Army as a truck driver, and was a staff sergeant in the Army Reserves. Ms. Loyd is survived by her fiancé, parents, step-parents, brothers and sisters.



Paula Loyd (credit Porter Loring Funeral Home)

Specialist Cwislyn K. Walter, 19, from Honolulu, Hawaii, died Feb. 19, 2009 of injuries received in a vehicle accident in Kuwait City. She was assigned to headquarters and headquarters company, 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, a Hawaii National Guard unit. She had trained as a signal support systems and



Specialist Walter (Credit: Honolulu Star Bulletin)

human resources specialist. In October Walter, originally from Chuuk in Micronesia, became a U.S. citizen. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Pfc. Jessica Y. Sarandrea, 22, from Miami, Fla., died March 3, 2009 in Mosul, Iraq of wounds suffered when enemy mortar rounds struck her base as she was walking to her office. She was a supply specialist assigned to the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade

Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Tex. She enlisted shortly after graduating from high school and had recently reenlisted to be with her husband, whom she'd met during a prior deployment to Kuwait. She is survived by her husband, father and other family members.



Pfc. Sarandrea (credit www.legacy.com)

Sgt. Simone A. Robinson, 21, from Dixmor, Ill., died at Brooke Army Medical Center, on March 1, 2009 from wounds received on Jan. 17 when an improvised explosive device detonated near her security post at Camp Eggers in Kabul, Afghanistan.



Sgt. Robinson with her daughter Nyzia (Credit: soldiersangelsgermany.blogspot.com)

Four others were wounded in the attack. Sgt. Robinson was assigned to the 634th Brigade Support Battalion of the Illinois Army National

Guard, Crestwood, Ill. She joined the Guard during her senior year in high school. She was assigned in an immaterial National Guard military occupational specialty. She is survived by her two year old daughter, parents and other relatives.

In addition to the casualties from Afghanistan and Iraq, several active duty women have lost their lives. Two basic training privates, **Dominique Gibson-Brooks**, 19, from Houston Tex. and **Andreas Rosser**, 21, from Raleigh, N.C., died Sept. 25th and Oct. 25th respectively; each from apparent natural causes. **Pfc. Cori Feltner**, 22, from Loxa-

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hatchee, Fla. died Oct. 25th from unknown causes. She had just completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and was preparing for service in Korea. **Sgt. Kendale B. Carney**, 28, from Hamlet, N.C., was found dead at her mother's home on Aug. 16th. Carney was on leave from her unit in Iraq, where she was on her second deployment. Her death was ascribed to natural causes. **Pfc. Moneeka Mayo Vandergeld**, 29, from Wyoming, Mich. died Dec. 14th after collapsing while on a road march. An autopsy showed that she had a punctured lung that may have caused her death. She served in the Army Reserve before re-enlisting for active duty. She is survived by her husband and two children.

Retired Colonel Georgia D. Hill, a long-term member of the board of directors of the WAC and Army Women's Museum Foundations, died Nov. 10, 2008 in Manistee, Mich. She was 83. Col. Hill enlisted in the WAC on her 21st birthday in 1944. After training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa she was assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kans. where she worked her way up from clerk to acting WAC detachment first sergeant. She returned home briefly in 1948 to check out job possibilities, but decided to reenlist.



Staff Sgt. Hill (right) and Sgt. Elaine Lamb reenlisting in 1948. Capt. Moser administers the oath. (Credit: Jesse Hill)

She applied for officer candidate school at Fort Lee, Va. when the school was opened, and was commissioned on graduation in 1949. After several years in WAC assignments, she received language training, first in German, then in Russian. She was selected for the Russian foreign area specialist program, which involved a

year of study at Columbia University, where she received a master's degree, followed by two years of study at the Army's Institute of Advanced Russian Studies, Oberammergau, Germany. Subsequent intelligence assignments included the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. and Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe during the Soviet-led Czech invasion (1968). She was one of the first women selected for colonel-level command of a mixed gender unit; she commanded Cameron Station, Va. from 1973 to 1975. Prior to this women commanded only all-woman units.

Following her retirement in 1975 she returned to Michigan where she raised and showed dogs. Col. Hill served for 27 years on the WAC and Army Women's Museum Foundation boards, and was one of the founders of the Foundation's oral history program. Known to her family by her middle name, Dawnell (or Dawn), she is survived by her brother Jesse Hill, her sister Marjorie Miller, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dr. Martha Settle Putney, historian, educator and author, died Dec. 11, 2008 at the age of 92. Dr. Putney was born in Norristown, Penn., one of eight children. She won a scholarship to Howard University, graduating in 1939, and received her master's degree in history a year later. She enrolled in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in February 1943, taking her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. After commissioning as a second lieutenant she remained at Fort Des Moines as a training officer. Later she commanded a detachment of African American medical technicians at Gardiner Army General Hospital in Chicago.

After the war she used the GI Bill to continue her education, receiving a doctorate in European history from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Putney was a history professor at Bowie State College, Bowie, Md. and at Howard University, Washington, D.C. where she was known as a tough and demanding instructor. In retirement Dr. Putney volunteered at the Smithsonian and worked on projects to document the experience of

blacks in the military. Her 1992 book, *When the Nation Was in Need: Blacks in the Women's Army Corps*, details these experiences, including a number of the problems that Army segregation policies created. She was intensely proud of her service and noted: "I couldn't have made a better choice...I think I provided a valuable service and in return I received valuable benefits."



Third Officer Putney as a WAAC in 1943 (Credit: DOD)

Dr. Putney was featured in Tom Brokaw's book, *The Greatest Generation*.

When she was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Feb. 10th, Mr. Brokaw gave the eulogy. That evening he gave her a special tribute on the NBC Nightly News. Retired Gen. Colin Powell also attended the funeral. She is survived by her son, William Putney, Jr.

New AWF Board Members

It is a pleasure to introduce three new board members:

Miriam Cruz is chief executive officer of KBMS Global, a government contracting firm that has translation projects in Iraq. She has served 22 years in the active and reserve Army, and currently holds the rank of colonel. She is a helicopter pilot and Bronze Star Medal recipient. **Caryn Wagner** is a member of the faculty at the Intelligence and Security Academy. She served in a number of capacities on the House Intelligence Committee, and was the first chief financial officer for national intelligence. She served as an Army intelligence officer for eight years. **Nanette White** is senior director and vice president of sales for the Mid Atlantic Region of Sallie Mae. She has over 22 years of experience in higher education and is a member of national and regional higher education associations.

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Mandarin and Arabic. Her community service work includes assistance to families of deployed soldiers and working with school children. Her mother, Sgt. First Class Helen Gerner, is an active duty soldier who has deployed to Iraq. Ms. Ribich's leadership ability was stressed in her letters of recommendation. Her scholarship was sponsored by the Army Women's Foundation.

Sgt. Kimberly L. Zimmerman is a reservist with over ten years of service. She is a senior at the University of Wisconsin with an interest in mathematics and science. She plans to be a middle school teacher. Offered a medical specialty when she enlisted, she chose railway

specialist instead and has been certified as a locomotive engineer. She believes Army values will help her encourage her students to achieve their goals. Her detachment commander calls her well-grounded in leadership skills and not afraid to lead by example. Sgt. Zimmerman's scholarship was provided by an anonymous AWF donor.



Sgt. Zimmerman hammers home a spike (U.S. Army photo)

FORSCOM NCO of the Year, Sgt. Morales

Sgt. Lisa Morales, 23, from Sierra Vista, Ariz., was selected as the Forces Command Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the year and competed last fall for the Army's NCO of the year designation. One of 12 major command selectees, she competed against older and more experienced soldiers. She is the first woman to reach this level.

Sgt. Morales is a command post node team chief with the 11th Signal Brigade, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. She is on her second deployment to Kuwait.

To reach the level of FORSCOM NCO of the year, she competed as NCO of the quarter at the battalion level, then advanced up the chain of command. Events test proficiency in land navigation, weapons and tactics, fitness, other soldier tasks. Although Sgt.

Morales was not selected for the Army-wide NCO of the year, she is one of the most outstanding young enlisted leaders in the Army.



Sgt. Morales (photo courtesy of The Fort Huachuca Scout)

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congratulated Gen. Foote and Command Sgt. Major Cynthia Pritchett as the first inductees to the Army Women's Hall of Fame. He spoke of how far we've all come from the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901 and the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1942. He talked about a survey of attitudes in 1975 about the most appropriate Army job for women. About 98 percent of the respondents, both men and women, thought cook was the job for women. He spoke of the need to restore balance in the Army and closed with thanks to all the men and women in the armed forces.

Following an excellent lunch Gen. McWilliams, assisted by executive director, Peggy Trossen, inducted Gen. Foote and Sgt. Major Pritchett into the Army Women's Hall of Fame. In their acceptance remarks both women noted the importance of the contributions of so many other women both before them and now serving.



Gen. Foote with Sgt. Major Pritchett (AWF photo)

The program concluded with recognition of the 2009 scholarship recipients. A personal presentation was made to Sgt. Pallone, the only recipient able to attend (see article p. 3).

'Fly Girls' Exhibit Continues at Arlington Cemetery Through October

THE WINGS ACROSS AMERICA EXHIBIT, FLY GIRLS, celebrating the service of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of World War II opened at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington Cemetery last November.

NPR journalist Cokie Roberts gave the keynote address, talking about the "secret" of women's service, noting that women have supported American defense since the earliest days. Over 30 former WASP attended the opening. The exhibit fea-

tures photos, uniforms and artifacts commemorating WASP service.

During World War II the WASP served in civilian status with the Army Air Forces. It was not until 1977 that legislation recognized them as veterans. A total of 1,074 graduated from flight training. Thirty-eight died in the line of duty.

Julie Ledbetter, later a WAC, was a WASP B-17 pilot in 1943. She retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel. She is fourth from the left in this photo taken under a B-17 at Buckingham Army Air Field, Fort Myers, Fla. Others are: Dawn Seymour, Charlotte Carl, Frances Kari, Virginia Williams and Blanche Bross. (Photo credit: The Woman's Collection, Texas Woman's University)



What's in a Name?

A NUMBER OF ARMY AND MILITARY WOMEN'S organizations are easily confused. This brief article attempts to give our readers an overview to assist in keeping the different groups straight.

This newsletter is published by the **Army Women's Foundation**, a private 501(c)(3) charitable organization first incorporated in 1969. Located at Fort Lee, Va., the Army Women's Foundation (AWF) focuses on women soldiers past and present, promotes the recognition of the service and sacrifice of Army women through programs, research and scholarships, and supports the Army Women's Museum. AWF is a not affiliated with the government, is governed by a volunteer board of directors and supported by a small professional staff.



The **Army Women's Museum (AWM)** is owned and operated by the U.S. Army at Fort Lee, Va. as part of the U.S. Army museum system. Museum employees are Department of the Army civilians. They and the



museum report through the Army chain of command. Basic necessities (civil service staff, electricity and heat) are part of the official Army budget. The museum depends on the generosity of donors or grants to support unfunded areas.

The **Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association**, located in Prince George, Va., was founded in 2008 as a nonprofit educational and charitable institution. It is governed by a volunteer board and supports the educational programs of the AWM, primarily the hands on history program designed to enhance Virginia standards of learning.

The **WAC Veterans Association** is a non-profit 501(c)(19) organization incorporated in 1951, originally for Women's Army Corps veterans. Now open to all Army women past and present who have served honorably, WAC

Books of Interest

An Army in Skirts, Frances DeBra Brown, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, 2008. In this engaging book the author, a World War II veteran, describes her experiences in training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., during an assignment in Marianna, Fla., and in England and France. The narrative draws from a wealth of letters and is supported by Brown's unique insights.

Powder Writing by Women in the Ranks from Vietnam to Iraq, edited by Lisa Bowden and Shannon Cain, Kore Press, Tucson, Ariz., includes poetry and essays from 19 military women who served in Gulf War I, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Served and Still Serving, Nor-Cal Chapter #111, Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Logarrow Marketing Services, Shingletown, Calif., is a well done cookbook with recipes contributed by women veterans and friends, brief historical summaries, vignettes, poems, songs, photos and cartoons. For information write Irene Castro, 31386 Emigrant Trail, Shingletown, CA 96088.

Breaking Through the Brass Ceiling, Darlene M. Iskra, VDM Verlag Dr. Mueller Artengesellschaft & Co. KG, Saarbrücken, Germany, 2008, is a meticulously re-

searched and well sourced study of women who have achieved general officer/flag rank in the military. The foundation for analysis is an extensive questionnaire (included in the study), with follow-on interviews of selected respondents. Key factors contributing to the women's success are discussed. The author, a retired Navy commander, was one of the first female Navy divers and the first Navy woman to command a ship. She is the deputy director of the Leadership Education and Development Program at the University of Maryland.

United States Army Women General Officers: A Phenomenological Study of Their Career Ascension and Leadership, Yvonne D. M. Doll, doctoral dissertation, University of Phoenix, 2007 (available from the University of Michigan Dissertation Express). Another excellent resource on an under-reported group, Dr. Doll concentrates on Army women generals, analyzing factors that made the women successful. Dr. Doll is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy (Class of '81), and is an associate professor of military leadership at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans. Her daughter, Erin Garity, was a Foundation Legacy scholarship recipient in 2008 (see p. 4, summer 2008 *The Flagpole*).

Vets supports veterans activities through programs, participates in patriotic events, sponsors scholarships and holds an annual convention. For more information visit www.armywomen.org.



The Women In Military Service For America Memorial, located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., is the nation's only major national memorial to pay tribute to all of America's 2.5 million service-

women, past and present. The Memorial's mission, and that of its 33,000 sq ft. education center, is to tell the story of women's service. *Fly-girls*, a current special exhibit at the Memorial, is reviewed on p. 10.

The charitable 501(c)(3) **Women's Memorial Foundation**, headed by retired Air Force



Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, operates and maintains the Memorial. For more information visit www.womensmemorial.org.

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(Credit: U.S. Army photo)

are shown, left to right: **Sgt. Jennifer Schaben, Sgt. Rachel Haddon, Specialist Brandi Phillips, Sgt. Dannielle Whoosley, Sgt. Ryan Bonham, Sgt. Aaron Figel, Sgt. Trevor Oppenborn, Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Metzdorf, Staff Sgt. Christopher Acevedo, Sgt. Reese Pendleton, Sgt. Tyler Wheeler and Sgt. Laura Dickmeyer.** Former AWF board member, retired USAR master sergeant Cheryl Stearns, was the first female member of the Golden Knights in 1977. An internationally known skydiver, Ms. Stearns is a pilot with over 18,000 hours.

Gertrude Noone is a World War II WAC veteran who enlisted in late 1942 at the age of 45. Assigned as a

clerk, she stayed in the Army until 1949 and was discharged as a technical sergeant. Now 110 years old, Ms.



Secretary Geren with Ms. Noone (U.S. Army photo)

Noone was honored by Secretary of the Army, Pete Geren, on March 31st at her home in Milford, Conn. Mr. Geren cited her for her service as an NCO and her lifetime of achievement.

Lt. Col. Felicia Langel, Veterinary Corps, was a recipient of the 2009 Foreign Language and Science, Engineering and Math Role Model Award for her work with Young Engineers and Scientists, a program for sixth- and seventh-grade students, while she was assigned as a research scientist at Fort Detrick, Md. She is now at the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Md.

WAC Band Reunion Concert Delights Crowd at Fort McClellan *By Karen Syverson*

THE THIRD BI-ANNUAL REUNION OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS BAND was held October 10th at the WAC Chapel, Fort McClellan, Ala. The largest group ever, 53 former band members, came from throughout the United States, including Alaska; 45 played in the reunion concert.

Retired Master Sgt. Bernice 'Goldie' Goldstein, bandleader of the 14th Army Band (WAC) from 1973 to 1975, rehearsed the band and conducted the concert. Many sentimental and patriotic favorites, including *Dixieland Jamboree*, *WAC is a Soldier Too*, and the *Colonel Bogey March* (known as *Duty* to former Wacs) were played.

The event was well attended with enthusiastic audience response for an excellent concert.

Recordings of the band concerts are available at www.wac.dxaudio.com or by calling or writing Neil Kesterson, 332 N. Ashland Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502, (859)335-1011.

(*Dixie Jensen, Bernice Goldstein, Jeanne Pace, Helen Gillespie and Arlene Burbank also contributed to this article.*)



Master Sgt. Goldstein leads the band in practice, Fort McClellan, Ala., circa 1973 (Photo credit: Chief Warrant Officer Jeanne Y. Pace)

Museum Wish List

YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED! The museum benefits from Army funding for essentials, but with increasingly tight financial times, many needs aren't covered.

Cash donations from friends of the Foundation are a vital addition, allowing the museum to hold programs, conserve artifacts, improve storage, and purchase furniture, books and videos.

Needed now: three tables for museum activities and programs. These tables are light-weight, sturdy and easily folded for storage or opened for use. The cost per table is \$269.00.



Funds to purchase books are not an item in the museum budget. With your help we'll expand and enhance our Army Women's Museum library. A few of the titles we'd like to purchase include:

When Our Mothers Went to War: An Illustrated History of Women in WW II, Margaret Regis

Army Nurses of World War One: Service Beyond Expectations (DVD), Elizabeth Lewis and Emma Elizabeth Weaver

Answering the Call: The U.S. Army Nurse Corps, 1917-1919, Lisa M. Budreau

Jackie Cochran: Pilot in the Fastest Lane, Doris L. Rich

The Lonely Soldier: The Private War of Women Serving in Iraq, Helen Benedict

The Woman in the Wing (fiction), Charlotte Mercer

Your check in any amount is greatly appreciated! See p. 15 for donation details.

News from the Museum Curator *by Judy Matteson*



EXCITING NEWS! The U.S. Army Women's Museum received the Army Historical Foundation's "2008 Excellence in Museums" Award. This competitive award is given annually to a museum selected from one of the 60 Army museums.

I witnessed history in the making when I attended the promotion of Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody last November. It was a thrill to see the first woman promoted to four-star general! Noting the crowded auditorium, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr. remarked that it looked like "everyone but the fire marshal" was there. In her remarks Gen. Dunwoody spoke of the service of her father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, all graduates of the U.S. Military Academy. Her brother is also a West Point graduate; her sister



Gen. Dunwoody at her promotion in the Pentagon, Nov. 14th (U.S. Army photo)

was one of the Army's first female helicopter pilots. She remarked: "Now you understand why people think I have olive-drab blood." Defense Secretary Robert Gates

pointed out that her career began in the Women's Army Corps, before women were allowed to attend West Point. It is amazing to realize just how things have changed.

Another advantage to attending the promotion ceremony was the chance to ask Gen. Dunwoody for one of her uniforms. The museum received two in the mail in March: a set of greens and an Army combat uniform. We're preparing a display that will include her uniform and a kiosk with information and pictures on the general's career. If you have early pictures of Gen. Dunwoody please let us know.

Change has come to the museum in the form of new exhibits. The Pepper's Ghost exhibit finally gave out

and we replaced it with the uniform of Lt. Col. Charity Adams Early, commander of the World War II 6888th Postal Battalion. The case is also in close proximity to the 6888th Postal Battalion exhibit.

Just around the corner from Col. Early's uniform is the original painting for the



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(Photo courtesy AWF)

World War II poster, "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory." The painting had been in the Hobby office exhibit and was not easily visible.

The new location and case with fiber optic lighting really makes it stand out.

Several watercolors by Ann Tilson have been installed in the changing exhibits gallery. Ms. Tilson, a World War II WAAC, enlisted in late 1942. She was one of a very small number of female artists covering the war. Twenty four of her paintings are in the AWM collection.

The museum received a \$28,500 grant from the John Randolph Foundation for a new education program for special needs students. This will be the first program of its kind in Virginia. Three trial classes presented in late March were very rewarding. The museum also received a \$39,000 grant from the Cameron Foundation, renewing their support of the hands on history program.

Fourteen oral histories were added to the museum collection by archivist Robynne Dexter who attended the 14th WAC Band Reunion in October. Robynne recently graduated summa cum laude from Virginia State University. She's applying for graduate school and plans to work on a master's degree in library and information science degree.

Francoise Bonnell, Tracy Bradford and Robynne Dexter attended the Virginia Association of Museums

(VAM) Conference held March 22-24 in Virginia Beach, Va. The conference was very informative, including a lot of information on social networking. Francoise was also presented with her Certificate in Museum Management at the conference.

The Army Women's Museum was busy during Women's History Month in March. We answered requests for information, hosted tours and received an increase in artifact and archival donations. Staff members were the keynote speakers for celebrations at Fort Bragg, Fort Meade and a Freedom Team Salute commendation ceremony at Fort Myer honoring retired Col. Sally Murphy, the first female helicopter pilot in the Army. The museum has her solo flight hat, which we plan to feature in an upcoming exhibit.



Col. Murphy talks about her training and aviation experiences in an UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter at Fort Myer, Va. (U.S. Army photo)

Upcoming events at the museum include Earth Day on 30 April. An open house for students in home schooling programs

will be held on May 20th. The community teacher's institute will also be held again this year in June.

The most exciting project for 2009 is the addition of a multi-purpose room for the museum, which will allow us to increase and improve on our education and program offerings.



Judy Matteson speaks at the FTS presentation for Col. Murphy (AWF photo)

Bronze Memorial Plaque Program—Plaque XIV

The memorial plaque program provides the opportunity to remember deceased military or family members, friends or colleagues by placing their name on a permanent memorial in the Army Women's Museum memorial garden. The bronze memorial plaque covering 2007 and 2008 has been completed. Names are now being taken for Plaque XV which will cover 2009 and 2010. Plaque XIV honorees are listed below:

	2LT	Joanna Dyer, British Army	1SG	Bernice Myhrwold
		John O. Eddy		Andreas Nelson
	SGT	Erin Edwards		Ardoth Nelson
	SGT	Eileen Evans	T/5	Loretta Nevitt
	SSG	Nancy R. Fedor	1SG	Beulah Noe
	PFC	Cori Feltner		Ola A. Olsen, WAC
		Betty H. Fincher	SPC	Emily Ort
	CPT	Ross Frair		B. Bernice Ostell
	SFC	Julianna Gehant		Angelo Pellagatto, Jr.
		Bertha Gelfer	T/4	Helen J. Phillips
	PVT	Dominique Gibson-Brooks		Betty LaBruce Pugh
	SGT	Mary O. Glover	1LT	Ruth Motter Puryear
	LTC	Mary O. Goodsell	T/4	Helen Quicke
CSM		Miriam L. Hanson		Geneva Rainey, ANC
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MAJ		Helen G. Henkel		Grace J. Reed
T/5		Georgia D. Hill		Margaret E. Rice
PFC	COL	Elizabeth P. Hoisington	MAJ	Lucy Rigby
SSG	BG	Mary C. Holcombe, USN		Margaret R. Ringenberg, WASP
LTC	YN1	Llewellyn F. Howe	SFC	Mary L. Rivers
	SSG	Mary S. Howe	MSG	Nadine J. Robinson
	SSG	Irene D. Hrebec	PVT	Robbie Blair Robinson
MAJ	LTC	Eleanor P. Hutchins	PVT	Andrea Rosser
CPT		Herman L. Jagers	SSG	Rose M. Ruscak
	CPT	Marjorie K. Johnson	SSG	Sarah F. Sanborn
1LT		Itaska Joiner	T/5	Florence Schaefer
MSG	LTC	William Jones	SSG	Merriell Schroeder
LTC		Irene Kholle	SSG	Frieda Schurch
		Katharine B. Kinney, USN	MAJ	Blanche L. Scott
	SGT	Gabriala Knipschild	SGT	Lorraine M. Sernus
CPL	MSG	Patricia F. Kristof	T/5	Elsie F. Sexton
2LT	MAJ	Ruth C. Kumm	MSG	Inez Sexton
	MAJ	Doris Sisson Latta	SGT	Catherine R. Sheehan, USMC
	SSG	Ethel Laws	COL	Ann B. Smith
SGT	LTC	Dorothy L. Love	SSG	Helen M. Smith
SFC	SFC	Mary Frances Lyons	SGT	Christina Smith
	T/5	Anna Machuga		Imogene Smith
	COL	Kitt Marie MacMichael	SGT	Rosella C. Stalego
	SFC	Melba A. Magnuson	SGM	Ellen B. Steel
COL	SGM	Laura L. Mata	CAPT	Jane S. Straughan, USAF
SP5	MSG	Deloris A. Mattox	T/5	Marie A. Szambaris
COL		Orin L. McBroom	SGM	Frances M. Tait
PFC		Carol L. McKinney		Maria C. Tejada, WAC
LTC	CW2	Ruby Megargel, USAF	SPC	Megan Touma
	SSGT	Jewell M. Miggins	SSG	Helen S. Troszczewski
PFC	CPL	Mary L. Mika	MSG	Sybil Tucker
	PVT	Rita T. Miller	T/5	Viola Maye Turney
	SGT	Jacqueline M. Mills		Justin C. R. Valentine
MSG	SFC	Mary R. Minucci	PFC	Moneeka Mayo VanderGeld
SSG	SFC	Mary Alberta Long Mitchell	LTC	Eva M. Veach
	1LT	June K. Morris, WAC		Martha L. Volkomener, WASP
PVT		Ruth Lindley Muller, WASP	SFC	Nancy L. Walker
	SFC	Evelyn Ann Mundorff		
SGT	T/5	Anna E. Munzer		
PFC		Ralph Mureddu		
T/5	SFC	Virginia M. Musselman		

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For information on how to contribute to the Bronze Plaque Memorial Fund, please refer to page 15.

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Dear Readers,

With this, my last edition of *The Flagpole*, I want to thank a few of those whose influence and work have contributed the newsletter's evolution. Space does not permit a detailed list, but a few include: Bettie Morden, Betty Branch, Mary Lee, Sharie Russell, Vickie Longenecker, Nancy Dunn, Esther Katzman, Trinia Braughton, and most recently, Nancy Burns.

Retired Army Reserve First Sgt. Noonie Fortin from New York has been of tremendous help through her work monitoring casualty information and articles or events about military women.

My thanks to them and the many others who have contributed articles and ideas for *The Flagpole*.

— Pat Jernigan

At left the flags fly at half staff on the Fremont Bridge in Portland, Ore. in memory of Cpl. Jessica Ellis killed in action in Baghdad, Iraq on May 8, 2008. (Photo courtesy: Flickr.com)

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The event's lead sponsor was the Keller Center for Corporate Learning, a division of DeVry University. The DeVry commitment to providing educational opportunities for the military starts with support from top corporate leaders. Dr. Randy Plunkett, National Director of Military Affairs at DeVry, a panelist at the symposium, urged educators to understand the special needs of transitioning soldiers and how they are different from non-veteran students. At the conclusion of the symposium Mr. Tom Brooks, Vice President, Keller Center for Corporate Learning, announced their support for the 2010 symposium.

Defense and aerospace systems supplier Raytheon also contributed generously to the symposium, and was represented at the event by Mr. Thomas Culligan, Executive Vice President of Raytheon and CEO of Raytheon International.

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