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**In Celebration of Women's History Month
U.S. Army Women's Foundation Will Recognize Extraordinary Army Women
and Address Key Issues at 10th Annual Hall of Fame Induction and Summit on Capitol Hill**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As the nation prepares to celebrate Women's History Month in March, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation will bring together military service members and veterans, members of Congress, leading employers and more than 200 attendees for its 10th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Summit on March 12th on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Presented with support from Prudential and other partners, **the 10th Annual U.S. Army Women's Summit**, titled ***Army Women: Lead, Network, Grow*** will take place from 11:00 am – 4:30 pm in the U.S. Capitol Visitor's Center.

Keynote speakers scheduled for the event are:

- **General James C. McConville**, 36th Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, will address leadership and readiness and the impact on women in the U.S. Army
- **The Honorable Gina Farrisee**, Deputy Chief of Staff of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, will address key topics surrounding the VA and women veterans.

Featured panel discussions and speakers:

First to Achieve: Army Women Leaders and Trailblazers Who Paved the Way: Stories of extraordinary Army women who made historic achievements in the U.S. Army. The panelists will discuss their journeys to success and the steps it took to achieve their goals.

- **Moderator: CSM Billie Jo Boersma, USA Ret.**, Former Garrison Commander, Ft. Belvoir, VA
- **COL Patricia Collins, USA Ret.**, U.S. Army Paralympian
- **CPT Kristen Griest, USA**, First Female Army Ranger and Infantry Officer
- **CPT Shaye Haver, USA**, First Female Army Ranger
- **Ms. Priscilla Locke**, First African American Female to Graduate from West Point, Class of 1980
- **CSM Natasha Montgomery**, CSM at Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Belvoir, VA

Leadership and Readiness: From Boots to Business: Hear from veterans who have transitioned to successful careers in the private sector and transitional experts on ways to enhance wellness and social well-being.

- **Moderator: James Beamesderfer**, Vice President of Veterans Initiatives, Prudential
- **COL Adam Roche, USA Ret**, Vice President of Military Engagement, FASTPORT
- **Ms. Marene Allison**, Vice President of Worldwide Information Security, Johnson & Johnson
- **Ms. Tara Galovski, PhD**, Director, Women's Health Sciences Division, National Center for PTSD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine, Director, Women Veterans Network, VA Boston Healthcare System

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The 10th Annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at 5:00 pm in the Rayburn House Office Building Foyer. The U.S. Army Women's Foundation will recognize 17 Army women who have distinguished themselves on the battlefield and in service to America. Inductees will include:

BG Anna Mae Hays, USA Retired (Posthumously), an Army nurse overseas during World War II, led the Army Nurse Corps at the height of the Vietnam War. In 1970 she became the first woman in the U.S. armed forces to wear the star of a general. BG Hays served as an exceptional role model for generations of women soldiers to come. When she shattered the brass ceiling she made it possible for others to follow.

The First Female Army Rangers

First women ever to successfully complete the grueling U.S. Army's Ranger School.

- MAJ Lisa Jaster, USAR
- CPT Kristen Griest, USA
- 1LT Shaye Haver, USA

Female Sentinels at the Tomb of Unknown Soldiers

- SGT Heather L. Johnsen, USA 1996
- SGT Danyell E. Wilson, USA 1997
- SSG Tonya D. Bell, USA 1998
- SGT Ruth Hanks, USA 2017

- **MG Pat Hickerson, USA Retired**, Paved the way for women serving in the U.S. Army. Her contributions enabled generations of Army women to have opportunities to serve in ways that had previously been unheard of.
- **BG Malinda Dunn, USA Ret.**, U.S. Army Judge Advocate
- **CSM Evelyn Hollis, USA Ret.**, First African American Female Command Sergeant Major of a Combat Arms Unit
- **COL Pat Jernigan, USA Ret.**, An Army Women advocate who has aided in the preservation of the history and stories of Army women.
- **CW4 Petrice McKey-Reese, USA Ret.**, Served for 30-year as a parachute rigger, 21 of those years as a warrant officer, and the only African American female to ever be designated a rigger warrant.
- **Ms. Barbara Scroggin**, 1st Female All Army Women's Boxing Champion
- **CW5 Mary Cara Smalley, USA (Posthumously)**, Pioneer for Women Aviation Officers. The First Female Regular Army Warrant Officer and Aviator to Achieve the Rank of CW5 in 1995.
- **Ms. Ruth Van Dyke**, co-author of the Guardians of Peace Series
- **Dr. Yvonne Doll, LTC USA, Ret.**, co-author of the Guardians of Peace Series

During Hall of Fame Reception, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation 2018 Legacy Scholarships will be awarded. The Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship program supports education for Army women and their children through tuition assistance for technical certificate programs, community college coursework, and undergraduate and graduate degrees. In the past 10 years, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation has awarded \$350,600 to 190 recipients through the Legacy Scholarship program. These scholarships would not be possible without the generous support of organizations such as Prudential, GE Aviation, L3, Pritzker Military Foundation and Walmart.

ABOUT THE U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation is the premier center for educational excellence, the national network for today's Army women, and a dynamic advocate for telling the history of Army women. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to recognize and honor the service of women in the Army and to support the Army Women's Museum at Fort Lee, Va. For more information, visit: www.awfdn.org.

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