



U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

2019 HALL OF FAME

The Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame awards are presented to women who have contributed extraordinary service to the Army or the Armed Forces and any individual who has made exceptional contributions to women in the Army or the Armed Forces.

THE HELLO GIRLS: AMERICA'S FIRST WOMEN SOLDIERS

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BG (Ret) Clara Adams-Ender

BG Clara Adams-Ender was asked to remain on active duty following her tour as the Army Nurse Corps Chief - a first in the Army - and she became the first Army Nurse in history to command as a general officer when she assumed command of Fort Belvoir, as well as becoming the Deputy Commanding General of the Military District of Washington.

BG (Ret) Colleen McGuire

BG Colleen L. McGuire was the first woman provost marshal general of the Army and U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command. BG McGuire was the 10th commander of CID since it was first established as a major command Sept. 17, 1971, and the 13th provost marshal general of the Army since 1941.

CSM (Ret) Billie Jo Boersma

CSM Billie Jo Boersma was the first female command sergeant major for an infantry brigade combat team in combat, as the CSM of the Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

CW5 Sharon Swartworth (Posthumously)

Chief Warrant Officer Five Sharon Swartworth was the first woman in the active army to achieve the rank of CW5 and the first woman to serve as the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) Regimental Chief Warrant Officer.



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MAJ Helen Loretta Holmes (Posthumously)

Major Helen Loretta (Freudenberger) Holmes was sworn in as the first member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) from Oklahoma on 9 July 1942. She was among the first group of patients to be treated with penicillin for tuberculosis, which was still in an experimental phase to determine the appropriate dosages for treatment.

CPT Lauran Glover

CPT Lauran Glover made history in November 2014, when she was selected as the first woman drill commander of the U.S. Army Drill Team, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). Initially, Glover ruled out any chance of joining the US Army Drill Team because she did not fit the typical mode of the team's leadership. Traditionally, the commander was an infantry officer.

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Ms. Ella Gibson Hobart (Posthumously)

Ella E. Gibson Hobart served as the chaplain of the 1st Wisconsin Regiment of Heavy Artillery, during the Civil War, but Secretary of War Edwin Stanton refused to recognize her status.

Rev. Alice M. Henderson

Reverend Alice M. Henderson, a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, became the first woman to officially serve in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps in July 1974. She was sworn in at a ceremony at U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) at Fort McPherson, GA and served for 13 years.



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COL (Ret) Janet Horton

Chaplain (COL Ret.) Janet Horton was the first woman promoted to Colonel in the Army Chaplain Corps. COL Horton and her non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC), Iraida Velazquez, were the first Division-level all-female Unit Ministry Team.

COL Bonnie Koppell

Chaplain (COL) Bonnie Koppell became the first female rabbi officially endorsed as a military chaplain in 1981. In May 2011, Chaplain (CPT) Pratima Dharm became the military's first Hindu chaplain.

CPT Mel O'Malley

Chaplain (CPT) Mel O'Malley, regularly shares her unique experience as a female in ministry with potential future chaplains in her position with the South Central Chaplain Recruiting Team.

CPT Delana Small

Chaplain (CPT) Delana Small, became the first female Chaplain assigned to a combat arms battalion unit - the 101st Airborne Division.

CPT Vivian Keady Yanquoi-West

Chaplain (CPT) Vivian Keady Yanquoi-West became the first female Chaplain assigned the 1st Cavalry Division.



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CPT Alison Ward & CPT LeyAnne Ward

Chaplain (CPT) LeyAnne Ward and Chaplain (CPT) Alison Ward brought new meaning to the concept of “sisters in service” in 2010, when the biological sisters were commissioned as chaplains. They both graduated from CH-BOLC in August 2009, commissioned as USAR chaplains in June 2010, and transitioned to Active Duty in September 2012, and began serving at Fort Bragg together in January 2013.

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Melina Adam

Grace Banker

Oleda Joure

Louise LeBreton

Raymonde LeBreton

Suzanne Prevot

Olive Shaw

Hildegarde Van Brunt



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CPT Whennah Andrews

CPT Whennah Andrews – tireless work ethic, tenacity, courage, and attention to detail contributed greatly to the successful revision of the AR 670-1 policy related to wearing locks. Specifically, CPT Andrews provided an impeccable rationale and language to develop the AR 670-1 policy revision.

Mr. Mark Hough

Mark Hough - the attorney who helped the World War I Signal Corps telephone operators be officially recognized as serving in the U.S. Army. The success ultimately came in November 1978 when President Jimmy Carter (b. 1924) signed a veterans' bill containing provisions that made possible official discharge papers and Victory Medals for the women who had served in the Signal Corps during World War I. Had Mark not done this, it is almost certain their story would have been lost to history.

Dr. Elizabeth Cobbs

Elizabeth Cobbs - Author of *The Hello Girls*, who revealed the challenges “The Hello Girls” faced in a war zone where male soldiers welcomed, resented, wooed, mocked, saluted, and ultimately celebrated them.

Mr. Jim Theres

Jim Theres - Director and author of the documentary, *The Hello Girls*, he created a one-hour film about the American phone operators who served in the Army Signal Corps during World War I to shine a spotlight on a group of brave, selfless women who were not officially recognized for their work until it was too late for most of them.