

WVI Newsletter

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Women in the US Military

Women Veterans Initiative would like to recognize women in military history month (March) by recognizing a few of the women that have influenced the shaping of our country. They began as cooks, nurses, and administrators in the Revolutionary War and today they serve as leaders in all jobs in all branches of the military.

Here are 10 favorite moments highlighting female service members (Military Times. N. Bauke. 2018):

- ◇ 1782: Deborah Sampson disguises herself as a man to serve in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.
- ◇ 1865: Dr. Mary Walker becomes the only women to receive the Medal of Honor (and one of eight civilians), for her extraordinary heroism during the Civil War
- ◇ 1948: Congress enacts the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, allowing women to serve as permanent, regular members of the U.S. military, and not just in times of war.
- ◇ 1974: Women are admitted to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy for the first time, two years ahead of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy.
- ◇ 2008: Army Gen. Ann Dunwoody becomes the first woman to become a four-star general.
- ◇ 2010: The Navy rescinds its male-only submarine policy.
- ◇ 2015: Capt. Kristen Griest and 1st Lt. Shaye Haver become the first women to graduate from the elite Army Ranger School.
- ◇ 2016: The Coast Guard Academy enrolls a class with a record 38 percent female cadets. 2016: The Defense Department opens all combat jobs to women.
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- ◇ 2017: Simone Askew becomes West Point's top cadet; the first black woman in this position.

Happy Women History month and Thank You for serving.....



Left Picture: 1942 by
B. Crandell
Right Picture: 1917 Recruiting
Poster by C. Christy

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United States Vets, Inc.

United States Vets, Inc. has helped numerous veterans since 2006 through direct support and Initiative Programs. The Initiative Programs are: Veteran Families, Women Veterans Initiative, The George E. Prokos Veteran Education Fund and Veteran Community Service. **We ARE Veterans helping Veterans – Advocacy, Referral, and Education.** The 2019 goal is to raise \$20,000 to support the four Initiative Programs. To discuss how you can be a part of this effort to assist veterans and their families, contact:

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WVI Fundraiser

WVI would like to invite women veterans, family and friends to contribute lightly used clothing, shoes and accessories to their fundraiser:

- ◇ May 18 (Sat.) 9:00am – 4:00pm and May 19 (Sun.) 10:00am – 2:00pm
- ◇ Drop off point: The truck will be located in the parking lot in front of Everything Under 9 (2543 S. Reynolds Road)
- ◇ Accepting: women, men's and children's clothing, formal wear, shoes, and accessories
- ◇ Everything Under 9 will promote May as WVI month
- ◇ This fundraiser will support WVI and United States Vets, Inc. initiatives that support veterans and their families, the education fund and veteran community service.

As you clean out your closets in the spring, keep our fundraiser in mind.

Future Events

- ◇ United States Vets, Inc. will sponsor a free July picnic for veterans. Additional information will be forwarded when available.
- ◇ Ohio Women Veterans Conference will be held August 10 (Sat.) in Columbus. Additional information will be forwarded when available.

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United States Vets, Inc. is a tax exempt non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of veterans and their families.

