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## President's Message

A new generation of women veterans is in leadership positions in our government, in industry and in non-profits. That will affect change in our country, and it will be a good change.

Friends, I write to you in early spring as we wrap up the Sixth Annual Summit, Hall of Fame ceremony and Legacy Scholarship Awards.

I have many reasons to feel optimistic about the future of the U.S. Army, the women who serve in it, and our Foundation.

Consider the remarkable list of our guests, speakers, honorees and scholars who gathered together in March to focus on the needs of women soldiers. They came to celebrate the accomplishments of yesterday's and today's soldiers, and help them prepare for the future.



Featured Speaker MG (Dr.) Nadja Y. West, USA, Joint Staff Surgeon, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Our participants spanned generations — from ROTC cadets, to the longest serving woman currently on active duty; from retired members of the WAC Band, to congresswomen who still serve today in the U.S.

military; and from today's senior Army leaders, to women who wore the uniform but now hold executive positions in federal agencies and in the private sector.

The women who transitioned from the Army to government and private enterprise are able to share the perspectives of women who serve in the military and represent us well. Our voices are being heard.

This year's annual summit focused on Army Women: Ready and Resilient, on the battlefield and on the home front.

Women make up the fastest growing group of military veterans in this country. The Department of Labor and the Department of Veterans Affairs, respectively, are sharpening their focus on transition to civilian employment and on women's health needs. Two women who are former Army officers are helping to lead those efforts.

We heard from MG Nadja Y. West, the Joint Staff Surgeon and the first woman physician in the Army to wear two stars. MG West described the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness that makes resilient soldiers.

Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III discussed the Army's new job-specific physical requirements for combat arms jobs. The Army is implementing gender integration methodically, and I believe the Army will achieve gender integration. The Army has never asked women to do anything that they didn't do, and do well.

No matter what jobs our women soldiers hold, or what milestones they achieve, there is a consensus: Our sisters in arms are successful not only because of their individual efforts, but because of the generations of women who served



before them, and the support they receive from women — and from men.

I am particularly grateful for your service, and your contributions to the Army Women's Foundation. Your service has made our country stronger, and your generosity allows us to continue our mission of honoring women who serve in the Army and preserving their history.

Your commitment to our women soldiers and veterans, and their children, has helped us expand our Legacy Scholarship Program. This year, we provided scholarships to 29 worthy recipients, for a total sum of \$51,000. Just five years ago, we started the Legacy Scholarship Program with two scholarships totaling \$5,000. We've experienced such a tremendous growth! Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Dee Ann McWilliams MG, USA (Ret)

President, Army Women's Foundation

#### AWF — Supporting Education for Army Women

In this edition of the Flagpole, we are announcing our 2014 scholarship winners and we are excited for these worthy recipients! This is a difficult task as there are many exceptional candidates and selection becomes more challenging each year. We are very proud that this program has grown tremendously in the seven years since its inception and once again we are already planning next year's scholarship rollout.

We began the Legacy Scholarship program in 2008 with only two awards for four-year institutions and we later added a community college application. We saw and heard about the significant need for certificate programs to be included, and to assist in filling this gap we implemented the certificate studies scholarship for our 2013 awards. Since the program began, we have steadily had requests for covering graduate studies and we listened! In our 2014 Legacy Scholarship Program, we added the graduate studies program to our list, allowing us to fully support our Army women, whether they are continuing their studies, or sending a child through college.

For 2015, we encourage you to let your family, friends, and colleagues know that this scholarship program is here to support them and we will continue to grow the program as the demand continues to grow! The 2015 Legacy Scholarship Forms will be available online this summer, and will be posted on our website's home page and Facebook page — stay tuned! \*



Are you part of the social media craze? If so, become a fan of the Army Women's Foundation page on Facebook! We hope to hear from you soon!



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## FACES OF THE FALLEN

1LT JENNIFER M. MORENO



1LT Jennifer M. Moreno, of San Diego, CA died October 6, 2013, in Zhari District, Afghanistan along with three other soldiers from injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device.

She was assigned to the Madigan Army Medical Center on Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington, and was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. She was attached to an Army Ranger unit to handle interactions with Afghan women, a job that she volunteered for but also one that placed her in the middle of the fight. This was Moreno's first deployment.

Moreno attended San Diego High School and graduated in 2006. In high school she was in the ROTC program. A friend from school days said that first, Jennifer wanted to be a nurse so that she could help people and second, she wanted to join the military. Moreno went on to get an officer's commission after graduating with a nursing degree from the University of San Francisco

Moreno's list of decorations now includes the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, awarded posthumously. ★

## Bronze Memorial Plaque

The Bronze Memorial Plaque program offers the opportunity to permanently honor deceased members of the Armed Forces, their friends and family, and the fallen heroes of current conflicts by placing their name on a bronze plaque that is located at the U.S. Army Women's Museum at Fort Lee, Virginia. Donations in any amount are welcome and will be held until the required minimum of \$100 for the individual is reached. The plaques are cast bi-annually, and once completed, all proceeds from the Bronze Memorial Plaque program will be used to further the mission of the Army Women's Foundation and its programs. We are currently accepting names and contributions for Plaque XVII and will continue to through December 31, 2014. ★

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"I am an Army woman and I am proud to serve my country." These words were written by one of the applicants for our 2014 Legacy Scholarships. In those thirteen words, she crystallized what so many Army women feel — whether they served in Italy, France, Germany, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, the Balkans, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan, or in the States. "I am an Army woman and I am proud to serve my country" — those words say it all.

Army women possess special qualities that make me proud to serve them as the Foundation's Executive Director. Perhaps most importantly, no Army woman ever had to be drafted to serve. In every generation, in every conflict, Army women have volunteered their service, as they do today. We know they volunteered for many reasons – to see the world, to get an education, to reach for a better life, and to serve their country. It does not matter the era in which they served, they volunteered.

Equally important, Army women never have sought special treatment or special considerations. In fact the Army today is recognizing this and creating gender neutral qualifications for various military jobs.

DOD reports that women comprise about 16 percent of today's Army. Their roles have changed and widened. They can be found on the field of combat, flying helicopters, maintaining equipment, in command roles, and being part of the public face of the Army. As their roles have evolved, so have the skills, experiences, and knowledge, which they provide to our defense, and which they take back into the civilian world when their service is done. Our Foundation recognizes, and will continue to recognize, the extraordinary service and accomplishments of Army women. And we will stay with them when their formal service is over, supporting all their efforts, as we have with our symposia, outreach and scholarships.

Army women have volunteered proudly to serve the country. Our Foundation volunteers proudly to serve them.

Peggy Trossen Executive Director



## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE FROM ONE OF THE HALL OF FAME / SUMMIT SPONSORS —

CARYN WAGNER
in honor of her Father,
MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT WAGNER

My Dad loved the Army almost as much as he loved his family. When I was in high school, he encouraged me to apply for an ROTC scholarship. I'm not sure which of us was more surprised when I won it—I had only applied to one college that even had ROTC! Dad commissioned me when I graduated from the College of William and Mary and mentored me through my 8 years on active duty. I like to think I influenced his outlook a bit, because he became a big supporter of women in uniform. He was disappointed but understanding when I got out, and



The MG Robert E. Wagner Legacy Scholarship.
Pictured with scholarship sponsor The Honorable
Caryn Wagner, AWF Advisory Board Member.

proud that I used my Army experience to good effect in my civilian career. Dad went on to become a Major General and to run ROTC for the Army as the Commander of Cadet Command, and that's where he added a third love to his love of family and Army—a love of education. That's why dedicating these scholarships in Dad's name makes so much sense and why I know they would have made him so happy—they reflect his belief that women serve with distinction, his love for the Army as an institution, and his belief in the power of education to enrich individuals and institutions. He would be very proud of the recipients of the scholarships in his name. \*\*

## 6TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME RECEPTION AND SUMMIT

### HALL OF FAME RECEPTION



MG Dee McWilliams, USA (Ret), AWF President and Mr. Fred Wacker, COO and Director, The Home Depot Foundation

Soldiers, military retirees and members of Congress set aside an evening in March to pay tribute to Army women, particularly to a handful of current and former women soldiers whose service to the country has set them apart from other Americans.

The annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place in Washington, D.C., on March 11 in the Cannon House Office Building's Caucus Room.





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tomorrow's soldiers.

The Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame awards are presented to women who have contributed extraordinary service to the Army and to women in the Army. Many of the women achieved positions that no other woman before them had in the Army. They continue to serve as role models for today's and

## The 2014 Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame inductees are:

- The 14th Army WAC Band: America's Last All-female Military Band
- CSM Michele Jones, USA (Ret), Office of the Chief, U.S. Army Reserve
- The Six Female Silver Star Recipients
  - SSGT Leigh Ann Hester, USA
  - SGT Monica L. Brown, USA
- Hall of Fame induction is awarded posthumously to:
  - 1LT Mary Roberts, USA
  - 2LT Elaine Roe, USA
  - 2LT Rita Virginia Rourke, USA
  - 2LT Ellen Ainsworth, USA

Women military bands not only entertained, they helped to promote the sale of war bonds and recruit women for military service. All of the services had women bands, but the 14th Army WAC band was the last all women military band. It boosted troop morale in Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis; was part of a major motion picture, Never Wave at a WAC; marched recruits to morning drills; and performed at presidential inaugural parades. Although the WAC band officially disbanded in 1976 when women and men were integrated, they still hold reunions and still perform.



MG Patricia Hickerson, USA (Ret); SFC Leanne Hinton; CW5 Jeanne Y. Pace; and members of the 14th Army Band Women's Army Corps who received the AWF Hall of Fame Award

MG (Ret.) Patricia Hickerson, the band's former commander, presented the award to CWO5 Jeanne Pace, who accepted the award on behalf of the band. Pace is the last WAC Band member serving on active duty. Five other former 14th Army WAC band members also shared in the celebration.

MG Hickerson thanked the Foundation for recognizing that these "outstanding women, soldiers and musicians" played an important part in women's history in the Army.

CSM (Ret.) Michele Jones was honored for her achievements, which include becoming the first woman to rise to the rank of command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Reserve. Jones said she is only an example of all the women who have served the country.



CSM Cindy Pritchett, USA (Ret) presents the Female First Hall of Fame Award to CSM Michele Jones, USAR (Ret)

"To stand here today, it truly is on the backs of every woman who has ever served this nation — whether or not their service was recognized," Jones said.

Besides the Hall of Fame inductees, the Army Women's Foundation recognized Reps. Tammy Duckworth and Tulsi Gabbard, the two Army women serving in Congress, with a separate award.

Duckworth is the first woman in Congress who served in combat — but she made clear that she is not the first woman to serve in combat. "I follow in the shoes of many great ladies, women warriors, who went before me," Duckworth said.



MG Dee McWilliams, USA (Ret), AWF President; U.S. Representative Tammy Duckworth; MG Marcia Anderson, Assistant Chief, Army Reserve

Gabbard sees the special award as a mandate that she has a responsibility to be a voice for all service members who put the mission first.

"This does not honor anything that I have done so much as it honors those who have come before us and blazed the trails that have created the opportunity for someone like myself to serve in uniform," Gabbard said.



The Army Women's Foundation also recognized other Members of Congress who have championed Army women's issues. They are US Senators Kelly Ayotte, Richard Blumenthal, Barbara Boxer, Kirsten Gillibrand, Claire McCaskill, Jeanne Shaheen and Jon Tester; and US Representatives Dan Benishek, Susan Davis, Chris Gibson, Mike Michaud, Chellie Pingree, Loretta Sanchez, Jackie Speier, Niki Tsongas, Michael Turner and Tim



AWF recognizes Members of Congress (pictured: MG Dee McWilliams, USA (Ret); Mr. Fred Wacker, COO and Director, The Home Depot Foundation; Representative Dan Benishek; Senator Claire McCaskill; Senator Kelly Ayotte; and Representative Tim Walz)



Fame award to recognize the Female Silver Star Recipients. SMA Kenneth Preston, USA (Ret) accepts the award on behalf of the recipients.



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## **ARMY WOMEN: RESILIENT & READY**

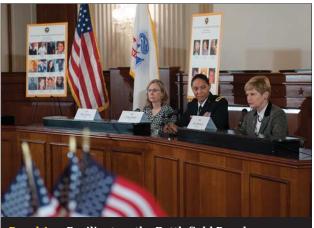
The Army Women's Foundation brought together service members and veterans, leading employers, members of Congress and senior military leaders for its Sixth Annual Summit and luncheon in Washington, D.C. during March, Women's History Month.

The summit, Army Women: Ready and Resilient, drew about 200 people to address important issues facing military women on the battlefield and on the home front, and to recognize their achievements. It was held in conjunction with the Hall of Fame ceremony and the awarding of \$51,000 in Legacy Scholarships.



"The mission of the Army Women's Foundation is to celebrate and preserve the achievements of women who serve in the Army and help them prepare for ongoing success whether they continue their careers as soldiers or return to civilian life," said MG (Ret.) Dee Ann McWilliams, president of the Army Women's Foundation.

Over the next few years, the Army will review and implement gender integration. At the same time, it will be reducing the overall number of troops. The Army Women's Foundation is helping to map the course ahead by facilitating dialogue.



Panel 1 — Resilient on the Battlefield Panel
Moderated by MG Jan Edmunds, USA (Ret), AWF
Advisory Board Member and Panelist Participants BG
Linda Singh, USA, Assistant Adjutant General,
Maryland National Guard and COL Ellen Haring,
USAR, Senior Fellow, Women in International Security

Speakers and participants included women combat veterans; women veterans who are in senior positions at the Department of Labor and the Department of Veterans Affairs; women veterans in leadership positions in the private sector and nonprofits; and senior commissioned and non-commissioned officers in the Army active and reserve components.

In her keynote address, MG (Dr.) Nadja Y. West said the Army's resiliency program aims to inculcate physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness to help soldiers remain resilient.

SMA Raymond F. Chandler III shared stories of extraordinary soldiers "who happen to be women." The Army is developing physical standards that are more job specific. Army 2020 is designed to manage the Army's talent based on a soldier's ability to meet standards for specific jobs, and providing the soldier a way to achieve. Standards will not be lowered.



Panel 2 — Resilient on the Homefront moderated by Donna Barbisch, USA (Ret), AWF Advisory Board Member and Panel Participants Teresa Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor-Veterans, Employment and Training Services; Pamela Johnson, Operation: Good Jobs 2.0 Program Specialist, Goodwill Industries; Elisa Basnight, Esq., Director, Center for Women Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs

The summit featured two panel discussions: Resilient on the Battlefield examined the expanding roles of women in the Army, including the integration of combat arms jobs.

Resilient on the Home front addressed employment opportunities and support from federal agencies, private companies and non-profit organizations.

The tone was an optimistic yet pragmatic one. Several points resonated with the audience:

- Diverse perspectives and ideas strengthen organizations, and by bringing women into combat arms it will bring diverse perspectives.
- Women should not feel embarrassed because they have a different perspective than men.
- Men who served with women are more accepting of them in combat.
- Men have been among some of the strong supporters of legendary women soldiers.
- To best prepare for integration of women into combat arms, leaders must set their intent and support integration.
- Women are the fastest growing population of military veterans.
- Eighty-four percent of women veterans are of working age.
- Unemployment among women veterans is declining.
- Veterans receive priority service and connect with employers at more than 2,500 American Job Centers sponsored by the Department of Labor.

A complete list of speakers and panelists is at <a href="http://www.awfdn.org/programs/Summit-2014.shtml">http://www.awfdn.org/programs/Summit-2014.shtml</a>. \*



Cadets Carolyn and Kimberly Denny were awarded The MG Robert E. Wagner Legacy Scholarship. Pictured with COL Alice Demarais, USA (Ret), SMA Raymond F. Chandler III, USA, MG Dee McWilliams, USA (Ret), MG (Dr.) Nadja Y. West, USA, and scholarship sponsor The Honorable Caryn Wagner, AWF Advisory Board Member.



PFC Trang Pham was awarded The Hobby/Kinney Legacy Scholarship sponsored by The Army Women's Foundation. She is photographed with COL Alice Demarais, USA (Ret); SMA Raymond F. Chandler III, USA; MG Dee McWilliams, USA (Ret); MG (Dr.) Nadja Y. West, USA.



LTC Ingrid Parker is The Prudential Financial, Inc. Legacy Scholarship Recipient, pictured here with SPC Joelle Lynch, ARNG, of Prudential Financial, Inc.



introduces the afternoon panel, Resilient on the Homefront.



Q & A session during Summit Panels

## 6TH ANNUAL ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME RECEPTION AND SUMMIT

## **ARMY WOMEN: RESILIENT & READY**





## **FOUNDATION**

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Team Depot, the company's associate-led volunteer force, towards its mission of ensuring every veteran has a safe place to call home. From transforming transitional housing and permanent supportive housing facilities to performing critical home repairs and accessibility modifications to the single-family homes of our nation's veterans to enable them to stay in their homes, The Home Depot Foundation has impacted more than 10,000 units of veterans' housing to date.

As part of its mission, The Home Depot Foundation is working to address the unique and growing housing challenges facing women veterans and is honored to join the Army Women's Foundation in recognizing the service and accomplishments of all women who have dedicate their lives to protecting us by serving in the Army.

To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation's commitment to veterans, visit www.homedepotfoundation.org.



At Walmart, we are thankful for the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans, military men and women, and their families. We strive to support their heroism

in many ways and have worked to understand and address some of the specific unmet needs they face, including employment and the tools necessary to prepare for a career outside of the military.

Walmart supports veteran and military family careers and job tools in two ways: by recruiting top talent and through community giving. As the number one retailer, Walmart understands that recruiting veteran talent allows us to source our future leaders and is good for business. On May 27, 2013, Walmart launched our Veterans Welcome Home Commitment, pledging to hire any veteran who has been honorably discharged in the last 12 months who wants a job. We project to hire 100,000 veterans in five years. Those interested in applying can visit www.WalmartCareerswithaMission.com.

On Veterans Day 2010, the Walmart Foundation announced a five-year, \$10 million commitment to support veteran employment and transition opportunities. In August 2011, the Foundation increased its commitment to \$20 million over five years. The Foundation focuses on helping veterans and their families transition from the military into the civilian workforce through programs that provide job training, transition support and education.



Prudential's support for the military and Veterans dates back to the founding of the company more than 135 years ago and remains strong today.

Veterans are returning to civilian life by the tens of thousands, eager to apply their highly refined talents in sustainable careers. We recognize that this presents a challenge: how can we best cultivate those talents for the betterment of our nation, and for the lives of those who have served us?

Prudential responded by creating its Veterans Initiatives. This program establishes not only a robust training and educational platform for Veterans, but a talent pipeline for our company as well.

Prudential has proudly supported the U.S. Army Women's Foundation since 2010. We salute the foundations strong educational scholarship programs and applaud the voice the foundation lends to Army women across the nation.

By supporting outstanding organizations such as the Army Women's Foundation, we are confident that we are helping to create a stronger network of support for this great nation's Veterans and military personnel.



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 private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization originally established in 1969. The mission of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation is to promote public interest in the Army and the women who serve in the Army. Through programs, research and scholarships, the Foundation recognizes

and honors the service of Army women and supports the U.S. Army Women's Museum located at Fort Lee, Virginia.

This year marks the sixth Annual Hall of Fame Ceremony and Summit. We appreciate the generosity of our partners to continue to honor outstanding Army women, recognize their advocates in Congress, and address key issues facing Army women on the battlefield and on the homefront.

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Like the U.S. Army Women's Foundation, L-3 Communications recognizes the essential leadership role women in uniform play in keeping our nation secure and promoting freedom across the globe. L-3 is honored to support those serving on active duty, reservists and veterans through our military relations committees, career fairs, transition assistance programs and

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L-3 is indeed proud to work with the USAWF in its educational initiatives that improve the lives of the women they serve.

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Army Women's Foundation and its meaningful work on behalf of Army women. JPMorgan Chase is committed to helping position veterans and their families for success --specifically in the areas of employment, housing and education. As a founder of the 100,000 Jobs Mission, the bank has hired more than 6,400 veterans since 2011, awarded over 640 mortgage-free homes to deserving families through its nonprofit partners and partnered with Syracuse University to establish the Institute for Veterans and Military Families, which focuses on the social, economic, education and policy issues impacting veterans and their families post-service. JPMorgan Chase recently announced a \$1 million investment in programs at major colleges and universities to help improve veteran retention and graduation rates in higher education. In addition to programs for all veterans, the firm hosts an annual professional development conference for women veterans. Plans are underway for another in 2014 along with a Women Veterans Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-WISE) conference in June. Visit <a href="www.ChaseMilitary.com">www.ChaseMilitary.com</a> for more information.

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ABC7/WJLA-TV is a proud supporter of the women of the U.S. Army and would like to congratulate this year's U.S. Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame honorees. We are delighted to be part of the Hall of Fame Ceremony and Annual Summit this year. ABC7's Jummy Olabanji and Leon Harris will be there in person but please know everyone in the ABC7 family is

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Ray Walsh, Metro's President and CEO, retired as a LTC after 23 years in the US Army. Ray has led Metro for nearly 15 years, always with an eye towards supporting the US Military. We have worked with the Chief of Staff of the Army to help develop his external communications messaging. We have also teamed with US Army TRADOC, Cadet Command and Accessions Command.

We have created products used to help recruit, educate and train today's soldiers and tomorrow's leaders. We have teamed with organizations such as the Army Women's Foundation and The Command and General Staff College Foundation to support the great work that they do for our soldiers.

## 2014 AWF LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Foundation's Legacy Scholarship program recognizes the importance of education by providing financial support toward under-graduate and graduate degrees to Army women and their lineal descendents. Scholarships are based on merit, academic potential, community service and need and are evaluated by the AWF Scholarship Committee. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.awfdn.org">www.awfdn.org</a>.

Twenty-nine deserving Army women and their children, selected from an applicant pool from across the country, received the Army Women's Foundation 2014 Legacy Scholarship. College tuition is on the rise and financial resources are declining, making scholarships even more critical to students today. The Legacy Scholarships are available for tuition assistance for certification, coursework at community college level or four year

academic institutions and graduate schools. Community College/Certificate Program Legacy Scholarships are awarded in amounts up to \$1,000. Four Year College/University and Graduate Program Legacy Scholarships are awarded in amounts up to \$2,500.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE/CERTIFICATE PROGRAM







Marsha Gibson



Gloria Gilmore



**Tanya Herriges** 



Nellie Letizio

### 4-YEAR COLLEGE / GRADUATE STUDIES



**Lindsey Anderson** 



**Carolyn Denny** 



**Kimberly Denny** 



Tonsa Edwards



**Keely Hamann** 



Sonia Kendrick



Lindsay Kinman



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#### **CHILDREN OF ARMY WOMEN**



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Rachel Claus-Walker



**Kyle Comley** 



Sunahtah Jones



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May 20, Arlington, VA Sustaining Force 2025 www.ausa.org

May 24 — Memorial Day

May 24, Washington, DC National World War II Memorial 10th Anniversary Commemoration

http://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org

June 6, Washington, DC D-Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration http://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org June 12, Arlington, VA

Army Networks and Cyber Security in Force 2025 www.ausa.org

June 14, Dudley, MA 6th Annual Women Veterans' Conference http://www.mass.gov/veterans/womenveterans/

June 29, Philadelphia, PA The Women Veterans ROCK Summer Retreat www.womenvetsrock.org

4th of July

Aug 9-12, Las Vegas, NV DAV 2014 National Conference www.dav.org

Aug 12-17, Philadelphia, PA 34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/wcg/

August 20-24, Scottsdale, AZ WAC Veterans' Association 2014 Annual Convention "Sisterhood of Soldiers Past, Present & Future" http://www.armywomen.org

Oct 13-16, Washington, DC AUSA Annual Meeting www.ausa.org

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