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In honor of Women's History Month, LTC Jenelle Roberts, USA Retired, now an AWF Board Member, contributed an article to AUSA's Army Magazine for their March edition. This further exemplifies the partnerships and collaborations created with like-minded organizations and how we can all work together to create better programs and maximize our resources and outreach. AUSA has been very supportive of the Army Women's Foundation and we are proud to be recognized and included in their magazine.



"Throughout the Army's nearly 236-year history, women have proven that, when freedom is threatened, no obstacle will prevent them from defending their families, their fellow soldiers and their country. When their country calls, they respond—not

within gender-hyphenated roles, but as U.S. Army soldiers. For today's women soldiers, it is important to understand that the Army in which they serve is far different from that of their predecessors." To read the full article, please visit our website for direct links to the article in PDF format and to explore AUSA's website! ★



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently I have had the opportunity to reflect on how far the Foundation has moved over the past three years in meeting its mission of recognizing the service and sacrifice of Army Women. I particularly felt this as I watched SGM Grace Mueller, a veteran of the World War II years, and representatives of the breakthrough West Point class of 1980 be recognized at our Hall of Fame Luncheon in front of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Congressional staff, members of the media, retired women generals and sergeants major, veterans, and young women cadets from today's West Point. I encourage you to read the Washington Post article on our honorees posted on our web site, which captures the spirit of these extraordinary women.

This year we were also able to award seven Legacy scholarships to Army women veterans and their daughters. We were able to expand this effort through a partnership with our Foundation's steadfast friends and our new industry and non-profit partners. Reaching outside our traditional base of sponsors to industry leaders such as Walmart, Booz Allen Hamilton, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Microsoft, Oshkosh, has brought us expertise and support that has made our three symposiums a great opportunity for outreach to Congress and sharing the best practices in aiding our women soldiers as they transition to civilian life.

We have received great assistance from the Association of the US Army which helped us increase the visibility of Army women and partnered with us and Hayes Associates in recognizing our women World War II veterans. One of the scholarships we awarded this year was funded by the Disabled Veterans of America, another great non-profit partner.

I am thankful also for the increase in individual donors, recent bequests from our long time friends, and the work of those who volunteer support to the Foundation, for it signals to me that you are still touched by the Foundation's mission. Together we can make a difference, increasing respect for the service of Army women to our Nation and assisting those who answered its call.

Best regards,

Dee Ann McWilliams
Major General, USA (Retired)
President



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LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS — MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Foundation’s Legacy Scholarship program recognizes the importance of education by providing financial support toward under-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 www.awfdn.org.

Seven deserving women, selected from an applicant pool from across the country, received the Army Women’s Foundation 2011 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 at the community college level or four year academic institutions:

Community College Legacy Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000. College/University Legacy Scholarships are in the amount of \$2,500.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

Catherine Cornish became a Radiology Technologist during her enlistment. She later earned a professional license in Diagnostic Radiology & Mammography and is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Radiology Science. “Winning this scholarship, especially during Women’s History Month, really helps me to focus on my accomplishments as it relates to community service. It makes me feel honored to be awarded this scholarship from a long line of highly accomplished and decorated Legacy of Female Warriors.”

Linsey DeLuca enlisted in the Army to serve her country, get job training and an education, while gaining knowledge and experience. She now attends St. Petersburg Community College to get her degree in International Business. “This scholarship is a blessing and will allow me to finish up the last courses that I

need to complete my degree. This will bring a huge sense of accomplishment to me and will show my son that hard work and dedication pays off.”

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

Elinor Carrick, a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, is attending American Military University to gain a degree in Sports and Health Sciences with an emphasis on Exercise Science. “I am hoping to attend a Master’s program in Physical Therapy; I would like to focus on rehabilitation for combat injuries and work to give back to the Army that has provided me so many opportunities.”

Kristina Christensen’s service as a medic in the Army National Guard drove her to return to school so she could continue her career as an Army Nurse. She is currently a senior nursing student at Carroll College in Helena, MT, and upon graduation will commission as an officer in the Army Nurse Corps. “I am honored that I will have the opportunity to care for those individuals who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. During this time, I hope to work towards my Master’s degree and eventually become a Nurse Practitioner.”

Tania Payne, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, served as a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic with the 514th Maintenance Company, 10th Mountain Division in New York. She is attending California State University at Fullerton where she studies strength and conditioning in kinesiology and plans to apply to graduate school there for strength and conditioning. Tania hopes to help with physical training programs for veterans, the military, law enforcement, or the fire department.

SGT Shannon Western, USAR, a veteran of Operation Bright Star as a 31C10 Radio Operator (Signal Corps), is a current Reservist who voluntarily deployed with the 374th Financial Management Company to Kabul, Afghanistan. Shannon is enrolled in Strayer University for her Bachelor of Business Administration with an emphasis in acquisition and contract management. “My objective would be able to obtain a challenging position with the United States Government that will maximize my skills and abilities accumulated over the years; further allowing me an opportunity to provide excellent professional care and management reflecting DOD’s Financial Goals—preventing fraud, waste, and abuse!”

Sara Yingling is the daughter of a veteran Army Service woman and she will soon graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a major in Gender and Women Studies, a Concentration in Medical History and Bioethics, and a Certificate in African Studies. She has also completed the Doulas of North American Training and is working on her certification to become a doula. “My goal is to empower women through education to be advocates for their own reproductive health. As a means to achieve this, I will be traveling with my professor and a couple other students to Kenya this summer to train rural women on maternal and neo-natal health care.” ★



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As our Foundation’s Third Annual Symposium and Hall of Fame Luncheon on March 17th was concluding, a veteran, unknown to me, approached and said, “I have never been so proud to have served in the Army.”

After spending a morning exploring in depth the issues of concern as Army women transition to civilian schooling and jobs, we then honored:

- SGT Major Grace L. Mueller, USA (Ret), a truly extraordinary example of the best of military service: one of the youngest women to enlist in the newly created Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), after demobilization she enlisted in the ranks and served for thirty years. She was recognized as a mentor of Army women and men and received a lengthy standing ovation.
- The Women of West Point, Class of 1980, they were the first women to graduate from USMA and as Congressman John Shimkus, himself a member of the class of ’80, told the assembly, that men did not make it easy for the women. Congressman Shimkus called them true pioneers in the best sense of the word.

Present to hear the women of West Point Class of ’80 were seven cadets from the Academy, who were encouraged by the pioneers to add their achievements to those of the women who went before. One spokeswoman voiced the opinion that “at least” one member of the present Academy women would become Commander in Chief of all U.S. forces.

I understand my unknown veteran’s feelings. I was never prouder to be the Executive Director of the Foundation to promote recognition of women in the Army and support their service.

The Symposium and Hall of Fame Luncheon have become the highlight of our yearly endeavors. But the Foundation does a lot more. At the Luncheon, we announced seven Legacy Scholarships, increasing our commitment to Army women and their children to meet advanced educational goals.

The Foundation is receiving wider recognition. The Washington Post ran a major article on the Hall of Fame honorees. Two television stations interviewed COL Sylvia Moran and CSM (Ret) Cindy Pritchett about their roles in the Army. The March edition of Army Magazine, published by the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), recognizing Women’s History Month, featured a major article on the rich history of women in the Army. The author of the article, LTC (Ret) Jenelle Roberts, has now joined our Board! The article also featured pictures of the groundbreaking for the building addition at Fort Lee for the Army Women’s Museum which the Foundation funded.

We continue to partner and participate in events. Thanks to AUSA, we had a booth at the annual convention in Washington where we met hundreds of Army women who shared their stories. Perhaps one of the most heartwarming events was held during Veteran’s Day at the Women’s Memorial. We co-sponsored a

magical evening – “A Salute to the Women of World War II” featuring a lively crowd of women – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, WAFs, WAACs, and even ‘Rosie the Riveters.’

Yes, I was proud on March 17th and I am proud as I write this and think not just of what Army women have done, but what we know they are going to do in the future. I am proud to honor and support such women.

To close, I want to invite you to visit on our website (www.awfdn.org) for current information on our work and, of course, for you to make a contribution! You can also become a Friend of the Army Women’s Foundation on Facebook. Increasing our membership and visibility enables us to continue and expand our efforts to advance our Mission: to honor and support Army women.

Thank you for your continued support of the Foundation!

Peggy Trossen
Executive Director



3RD ANNUAL WOMEN IN TRANSITION SYMPOSIUM

The 3rd Annual Women in Transition Symposium was held Thursday, March 17, 2011, in the Capitol Visitors Center in Washington, D.C. The symposium is held annually in March to correspond with Women’s History Month to explore issues impacting today’s Army women while honoring those of yesterday.

This year's symposium was entitled “*From Battlefield to Homefront*”. The symposium was structured in a two panel format, Education and Workforce Development, and was moderated by Anne Gearan, the national security editor and senior national security correspondent for The Associated Press (AP).

The room was filled with soldiers, past and present, and their civilian supporters. The President of the Army Women’s Foundation, MG (Ret) Dee Ann McWilliams, thanked everyone for attending and for fostering the continuing dialogue among legislators, academic institutions, corporate leaders and non-profit organizations whose mission is to support our service women. She stressed how vital they are in making reacclimation from the battlefield successful.

Additionally, MG McWilliams recognized and thanked the sponsors of the event, which included Walmart, Booz Allen Hamilton, Micro-soft, Raytheon Company, TriWest Healthcare Alliance and the U.S. Army Women’s Foundation Board of Directors.



MG Dee McWilliams, USA (RET)

Prior to the panel discussions, MG McWilliams introduced a special guest speaker, Dr. Laura Herrera. As the director of Women’s Comprehensive Health for the state of Maryland, Dr. Herrera’s responsibilities include enhancing overall health care for that state’s women veterans. Not only is Dr. Herrera a noted physician with extensive experience in community health collaborations and delivery of public health for veteran women, but as a member of the Army Reserve, she saw first-hand the medical needs of women in combat when she was deployed to Camp Bucca in Iraq.



Dr. Laura Herrera MD, MPH

Dr. Herrera spoke of the challenges of being a veteran and a mom. She emphasized the special medical needs of our female soldiers and veterans and noted that we are in a period of unprecedented opportunity for collaboration between the Veterans Administration and the Department of Defense.

PANEL 1 – EDUCATIONAL PANEL

Ms. Gearan introduced the panel members: Dr. Susan Aldridge, President of the University of Maryland University College; Michael Johnson, Director of the office of Military Services at Northern Virginia Community College; Harris Miller, the President and CEO of the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities; and, Meg Krause, Associate Director for Military Programs at the American Council on Education.



Panel 1

Ms. Gearan asked each panel member for an opening remark on their thoughts on women veterans in the post secondary educational environment.

Ms. Aldridge led the panel remarks, stating that the number of service women attending school increases every year. She noted that the female veteran is often an atypical student, older, married, a mother, talented and tenacious, and a pragmatic consumer that has special needs due to her special circumstances. Ms. Aldridge spoke of the need for their educational experience to be portable, and to have flexible opportunities with virtual support systems.

Michael Johnson noted the increasing alliance between academia and the military, to include the Joint Chiefs of Staff emphasis on education for transitioning military members.

Harris Miller, who represented the private sector colleges and universities, echoed Ms. Aldridge’s description of the female veteran student and stated that while public education and programs are being cut, private investors are still investing in postsecondary educational institutions.

Ms. Krause’s military service gave her a unique prospective for her remarks. Meg Krause served eight years as a medic in the Army. During her five years of active duty, she served two overseas tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She said that when she went back to school, she found “campus far less familiar than the combat zone” and that veterans have distinct needs for integration into the educational environment, particularly women vets. Women traditionally do not access veteran services due to isolation on campus. They are not identified by their haircuts, or may not have “USMC” tattooed on their arms. Ms. Krause encouraged female veterans to participate in women’s activities and Women’s History Month activities. Her advice was to find the right program and be a self-advocate.

PANEL 2 – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Participants included: William Elmore, Associate Administrator in the Office of Veterans Business Development for the U.S. Small Business Administration; Major Erica Banks, Director of Military Programs for USAA; Brigadier General Gary Profit, Senior Director of Military Programs, Walmart; Colonel Jay Dodd, vice president for Booz Allen Hamilton; and, Colonel Barbara Jacobi, Director of Business Operations for the Microsoft Corporation.



Panel 2

Again, Ms. Gearan asked each panel member for an opening remark on their thoughts on women veterans in the workforce.

Mr. Elmore began the panel discussions discussing veterans in the Small Business Administration (SBA) arena. He emphasized that the SBA is a relatively small organization with only 2,100 employees; there are 140 locations that have VA programs, 110 of them with women and veterans specific services and programs. Mr. Elmore said that veterans self employ at a higher rate than any other population. He concluded by stating that the SBA had initiated a new program targeted specifically at Women Veteran Entrepreneurs.

Major Banks credited the military with letting her see more of the world than just her small hometown in Vermont. She said she knows the transition to

civilian life can be tough. She advised veterans to “do research” and marry your military skills to corporate America... “know your story and be able to convey it.”

BG Profit emphasized networking... “soldiers help soldiers”. He compared Walmart’s values and work environment to the military’s... 1) culture of an institution 2) opportunity and expectation to add value 3) lifelong commitment to growth and development, and 4) civil obligations/higher purpose.



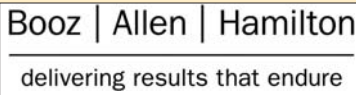
BG Gary Profit, USA (RET), Wal-Mart

Colonel Dodd said that corporate America knows the Army gets “the best of the best,” and that thirty percent of Booz Allen Hamilton’s staff are veterans. BAH recruits veterans because of their competencies, leadership and values.

Colonel Jacobi advised to find mentors in your field to validate what you want. “Go big and go bold” because corporations are looking for confidence and courage. She echoed BG Profit and said “network, network, network.”

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3RD ANNUAL HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND AWARDS

In conjunction with our Army Women in Transition Symposium, the Army Women’s Foundation hosts the Hall of Fame Luncheon. We present the Hall of Fame awards to women who have contributed extraordinary service to the Army and to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to women in the Army.

We hosted this year’s luncheon in the majestic Kennedy Caucus Room of the historic Russell Senate Office Building. The Master of Ceremonies was Leon Harris, award winning journalist and one of the nation’s pre-eminent news anchors from ABC-7 News in Washington DC.

Mr. Harris thanked all for attending and then introduced the presentation of the colors and the singing of the national anthem by Sergeant 1st Class Leigh Ann Hinton of The United States Army Band. SFC Hinton’s rendition of the National Anthem was breathtaking and the color guard was spectacular. The tone was set for a very special day.



SFC Leigh Ann Hinton sings the National Anthem

Mr. Harris then introduced our Foundation President, MG (Ret) Dee Ann McWilliams. MG McWilliams recognized some special guests in the audience...seven young cadets from West Point embarking on their military journey.

Mr. Harris then introduced Angie Messer, a former U.S. Army officer and West Point alum. Ms. Messer is currently serving as Senior Vice President for their Army Business division at Booz Allen Hamilton. She had the honor of introducing General (Ret) Richard Cody, the 31st Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and current Corporate Vice President for L-3 Communications.



Angela Messer, Booz Allen Hamilton

GEN Cody congratulated the Army Women’s Foundation on their 3rd annual event. He openly admitted he did not support women entering West Point in the 70’s. However, he also admitted that the women raised the level of standards and maturity at the academy. He was thankful that someone had the foresight to integrate them into West Point and that women had led the Army through the toughest times to make it better. GEN Cody then introduced the keynote speaker for the Hall of Fame Luncheon, the current Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, General Peter W. Chiarelli.



General Richard Cody

GEN Chiarelli began his remarks by thanking GEN Cody and MG McWilliams for their continued service to the Army. He went on to recognize the countless contributions by women in Iraq and Afghanistan. He highlighted that there is no longer a “rear” on the modern battlefield. He said that the bravery routinely displayed by soldiers, sailors, Marines, airman and coastguardsmen is truly remarkable. GEN Chiarelli noted that there may not be any recognition for these acts because they are not new or surprising for female military members.

GEN Chiarelli then went on to personally address this year’s inductees to the AWF Hall of Fame, Sergeant Major (Ret) Grace Mueller and the Women of West Point Class of 1980. To SGM Mueller, he said that is a great patriot, an example not just for women, but for all that wear the uniform. To the Women of West Point Class of 1980, he noted 119 entered in 1976 and 62 graduated in 1980, that the Army would absolutely not have achieved all that it had without the their contributions and their greatest achievements still lie ahead.

After GEN Chiarelli’s remarks, lunch was served. At the conclusion of the luncheon, MG McWilliams, along with Peggy Trossen, began the tribute to the Hall of Fame Inductees.

“The word pioneer is often overused. In this case it is perfect. A pioneer is a person who opens a new field, paving the way for others to follow. Retired Sergeant Major Grace Mueller is just that person. She was one of the young women who enlisted in the newly created Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in the summer of ’42. She’d heard a radio announcement about the formation of the new unit and enlisted only two weeks after the first WAACs began training... Sgt. Major Mueller has spent a long and productive life in service to her country and her community.”

With those remarks, MG McWilliams asked SGM Mueller to come to the stage and accept her award from Peggy Trossen. Once at the podium, SGM Mueller referred to the “Brown Shoe Army,” the period from post World War II to the Cold War...a time the Army still wore khakis and brown shoes. She also revealed that she had been told she had to say something, so she said, “Thank you.”



MG Dee McWilliams, USA (RET) and SGM Grace Mueller, USA (RET)

MG McWilliams went on to introduce the second inductee to the Hall of Fame. “This year the Foundation has chosen to honor not just one outstanding Army woman but instead is recognizing 62 women — the first women graduates from West Point — the class of 1980. These pioneers carved a path that held historic implications for those who followed. They took on rigorous academic challenges, comprehensive military training, compulsory athletic participation and a disciplined daily routine on the journey to graduate as Army officers. These women made it possible for other women’s dreams to become a reality.”



General Peter Chiarelli



The Women of West Point, Class of 1980

MG McWilliams introduced another graduate of West Point Class of 1980 — Congressman John Shimkus, who currently represents the 19th district of Illinois. In one of the more emotional moments at the luncheon, Congressman Shimkus opened his comments by stating that he felt he was “not worthy to talk about his classmates.” That he was ashamed at how his male classmates had often treated the women. He told of a story where he was at a dedication of a women’s war memorial in Illinois. He had purchased a brick for the fundraiser and on the brick was engraved “USMA Class of 1980 — Love you all.”



Congressman John Shimkus

Marene Allison accepted the award for the women of West Point. She acknowledged the women that had come before them and that they felt the responsibility to carry on. She passed the torch to the female cadets in the room and said they should produce congresswomen, Senators, and at least one President! The room erupted in cheers.

The Hall of Fame Luncheon concluded with the announcement of seven Legacy Scholarship Recipients. The U.S. Army Women’s Foundation created a legacy scholarship program to help Army women advance their studies, to help them obtain college degrees and further their careers while serving their country. Peggy Trossen and Lieutenant Colonel Mary Coleman Spring announced this year’s seven scholarship recipients: Elinor Carrick, Kristina Christensen, Catherine Cornish, Linsey DeLuca, Tania Payne, SGT Shannon Western, USAR, and Sara Yingling.



Peggy Trossen and LTC Mary Spring, USA (RET)

MG McWilliams thanked GENs Cody and Chiarelli for their time, SGM Mueller and the Women of West Point Class of 1980 for their contributions and she wished the Cadets good luck and hoped they learned something valuable about their legacy today.

As the attendees departed, the young mingled with the old, the past with the present....mission complete.



Hall of Fame Award

FACES OF THE FALLEN

SGT. ZAINAH C. CREAMER



SGT. Zainah C. Creamer, 28, of Texarkana, Texas died January 12, 2011 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan from wounds suffered when insurgents attacked her unit with an improvised explosive device. She had been serving in the Army for more than six years, and was serving her third deployment, but, her first as a Military Working Dog handler. She was assigned to the 212th Military Police Detachment at Fort Belvoir, VA.

She and her canine partner, Jofa, left for Afghanistan in October 2010. Jofa was uninjured in the attack.

Her awards and decorations include the Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Afghanistan Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Rifle Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. She was posthumously awarded, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the NATO Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Zainah is survived by her mother and stepfather, Carlyn and Ernie Brown, her brother, George Creamer III and her K-9 partner, Jofa.

STAFF SGT ARACELY GONZALEZ O’MALLEY



Staff SGT Aracely Gonzalez O’Malley, 31, of Brawley, CA, died October 22, 2010 in Homburg, Germany, of a brain aneurysm which she experienced on October 12, 2010 at Mazer-i-Sharif, Afghanistan. She was assigned to the 307th Integrated

Theater Signal Battalion, 516th Signal Brigade, 311th Signal Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Aracely enlisted in the Army in 2002 and served as a Communications Staff Sergeant for eight years. She served in deployments to Iraq, Africa and Afghanistan. She volunteered for the latest tour so that she could deploy with her husband, Ryan P. O’Malley.

Aracely is survived by her husband, Ryan, three children Sidney, Riley and Sean, parents, Armando and Juanita Gonzalez, two brothers, Santiago and Armando, and two sisters, Lizbeth and Paulette.

PFC JAYSINE P. S. PETREE



PFC Jaysine P. S. Petree, 19 of Yigo, Guam died September 24, 2010 while traveling between Ghanzi and Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, when the military vehicle she was traveling in was attacked with an improvised explosive device. She was a motor transport operator assigned to the 109th Transportation Company 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, U.S. Army, Alaska, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Jaysine joined the Army in June 2009 after graduation from Simon Sanchez High School in Yigo where she was part of the Sanchez Sharks wrestling team. She had hoped to go to college on an Army Scholarship.

She is survived by her parents Jayne and Herbert Petree and two brothers.

SGT LINDA L. PIERRE



SGT Linda L. Pierre, 28, of Immokalee, FL died April 16, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Gamberi, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from an attack by an Afghan National Army soldier.

SGT Pierre was a Human Resources Specialist assigned to 101st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY. She attended college in Tallahassee, FL before joining the Army in 2004.

Her awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal and Combat Action Badge.

She is survived by her parents, Jean and Elvina Pierre and her sister, Cindy. Her family will remember her as a proud soldier with a constant smile on her face.

PFC AMY RENEE BULLOCK SINKLER



PFC Amy Renee Bullock Sinkler, 23, of Chadbourn, NC, died January 20, 2011 in Baghlan Province, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked the convoy she was protecting with a rocket propelled

grenade. She was assigned to the 109th Transportation Co., 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Richardson, Alaska. She was a vehicle driver with a group at the post known as the “Rough Riders.”

Amy graduated from West Columbus high School in 2006. She had been quoted as saying she joined the military so that she could get out of the little town she grew up in and see the world.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas, who was her high school sweetheart, parents Randolph and Jackie and sisters Britteny and Sharonda. She will always be remembered for her beautiful smile.

SSG CYNTHIA R. TAYLOR



SSG Cynthia R. Taylor, 39, of Columbus, GA died April 16, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Gamberi, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from an attack by an Afghan National Army soldier.

SSG Taylor served as a vehicle mechanic with the 101st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell, KY. Cynthia had been serving in the Army since November 2003.

Her awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal; Combat Action Badge and Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Cynthia is survived by her daughter, Maggie Taylor of Clarksville, TN, and son, Joseph Goodwin of Oak Grove, KY. She is also survived by her mother, Judy Hart of Clarksville. ★

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 amount required for the individual minimum, \$100.00, is reached. Currently we are accepting names for Plaque XVI which will be open from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. Visit our website to view the memorial list of names that has been finalized from the 2009-2010 Plaque XV and to view past plaque information. ★

FOUNDATION IN THE NEWS

Visit our website, www.awfdn.org, for the most current news and updates! Here are a couple to check out!

- Washington Post article: West Point experience illustrates changing role of women in military by Petula Dvorak
- Interview with CSM Cynthia Pritchett, USA (RET) and Colonel Sylvia Moran, West Point class of 1980 by Tony Perkins of Fox 5 in Washington, D.C.

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WELCOME TO THE BOARD!

We welcome four new additions to the AWF Board of Directors –

- Colonel (Ret) Arlene F. Greenfield USA,
- Colonel (Ret) Doriot A. Mascarich, USA
- Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Jennelle B. Roberts, USA
- Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) M. Isabelle Slifer, USA

Colonel Greenfield completed a thirty year U.S. Army career which included three successful command tours. She has extensive personnel experience at the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, and major Army Command levels. Colonel Greenfield is a founding partner of a woman-owned business, Qualitative Research Service Consultants, Inc.

Colonel Mascarich has been a successful Battalion Commander with over 28 years of experience in military and civilian personnel management. Her assignments have included the Pentagon, Fort Hood, Ansbach, Germany, and Fort Ord — to name a few.

Colonel Mascarich is currently at the Pentagon in the Office of the Assistant G-1 for Army Civilian Personnel.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Jenelle Roberts has over 25 years of successful experience in military personnel, human resources, COOP Plan response, Operations and Tests, Training and Exercises. Her assignments included Fort Lewis, Yongsan, Korea, and the Pentagon. She is currently with SRA International in Washington D.C.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Isabelle Slifer is currently Assistant Director for Army Reserve Affairs at the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA). In 2005 she retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Army Reserve as an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Officer. Isabelle entered active duty as an AGR Officer in 1983. While on active duty, she held both personnel and operational positions at Fort Dix, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon. ★



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10–12, Richmond, VA
AUSA’s ILW Army Sustainment Symposium & Exposition
<http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/symposia/sustainment2011/Pages/AUSA'sILWArmySustainmentSymposiumExposition.aspx>

May 14, Fort Des Moines, IA
WAAC Day Dinner
<http://www.fortdesmoines.org>

May 20–22, Brookfield, MA
Project New Hope Retreat for Veterans
<http://www.projectnewhopema.org>

May 29, Washington, D.C.
National Memorial Day Concert 2011

May 30, Washington, D.C.
Wreath Laying Ceremony at the WWII Memorial
<http://www.wwiimemorial.com/>

June 3–4, Washington, DC
The Female Warrior Program: Sophocles’ Ajax at The Women’s Memorial
<http://www.womensmemorial.org>

June 27–30, San Antonio, TX
AUSA’s ILW Army Medical Symposium & Exposition
<http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/symposia/medcom/Pages/AUSA'sILWArmyMedicalSymposiumExposition.aspx>

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<http://www.va.gov/womenvet/>

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http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/symposia/11_Armycombinedarms/Pages/AUSA'sILWArmyFiresSymposiumExposition.aspx

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Disabled American Veterans National Convention
<http://www.dav.org/news/UpcomingEvents.aspx>

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