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WHEN JANEY COMES MARCHING HOME

Contributed by Laura Browder



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By and large, the American public is unaware of just how many women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and the incredible range of roles they have taken on there. Photographer Sascha Pflaeging and I hoped to bring their stories and images to a broad public through our exhibit “When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Women Combat Veterans,” which premiered at the Visual Arts Center of Richmond in 2008. It has since then embarked on a national tour, which will conclude next fall at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

The women I met amazed me with their guts and determination. Army Captain Kelly Nocks had undergone eighteen surgeries on her leg after being hit with an IED. She was determined to deploy again, despite the fact that she was restricted from running, crawling, or bearing weight. Army Staff Sergeant Laweeda Blash, who has four children including an autistic daughter, deployed three times to Iraq between 2003 and 2006. She talked with me about what she did to keep her family together during and after those deployments—and how it was only when she came to Arlington National Cemetery and visited the graves of every soldier who had fallen during OIF and OEF that she was able to find peace after her wartime service.

Visitors to the exhibit have lingered, sometimes for hours, in front of the full-color photographic portraits and oral history text panels. This past summer, over 75,000 visitors were able to see the exhibit at the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Army Women's Foundation. Both gallery-goers and readers of the book *When Janey Comes Marching Home*—which includes 48 full-color, full-page photographs by Sascha Pflaeging as well as fuller versions of each woman's story—have told me how moved they have been by the experiences of these servicewomen. I can only tell them in return what a great privilege it has been for me to be able to hear and share these stories. ★

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was honored to offer welcoming remarks at the Memorial Day event at the Women's Memorial. With the Arlington Cemetery in clear site, and the Lincoln Memorial only a short distance away, I was reminded of how high a price so many have paid for freedom, and today, how many continue to serve and sacrifice for our country.

Our Foundation's mission is to remember those who have served and to support today's women soldiers as they serve, and beyond. The Foundation has joined with others to tell the story of Army women and to provide ongoing education to different stakeholders about the unique needs of women who serve. Here are some highlights:

- From Memorial Day through Labor Day, based on a book by Dr. Laura Browder and photographer, Sascha Pflaeging, an extraordinary exhibit, “When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Women Combat Veterans” was opened to the public. Through the generosity of a grant from TriWest HealthCare Alliance, and a partnership with the Women's Memorial, the Foundation sponsored this exhibit which was comprised of 44 large-scale photographic portraits and an accompanying oral history of servicewomen, all veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. For more information, go to www.janeycomeshome.com.
- From October 25-27th, we will again be an exhibitor at the AUSA Annual meeting and Symposium. This is an opportunity for us to meet literally thousands of military, corporate and civilian attendees and highlight the contributions and unique needs of Army women.

We are planning for our next Symposium and Hall of Fame Luncheon scheduled to be held, once again, during Women's History Month in March. Army Women in Transition will be held on Capitol Hill, allowing for key legislators and stakeholders to attend and participate. Workforce Development issues will be an important component of our third annual symposium. Stay tuned for event details.

I am delighted to announce that CSM (Ret) Cynthia Pritchett of Florida and COL (Ret) Alice L.O'K. Demarais of Arizona have joined our Board of Directors. Alice and Cindy have participated in our Symposium and are passionate about our mission. They are profiled in this issue of the Flagpole.

We are also saddened by the recent death of one of our former Board members, Colonel (Ret) Lorraine Rossi. Her passing is a loss for all of us. We are grateful for her years of service and support of the Foundation and send our sincere condolences to her family.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your support of the foundation. We would not be able to do our work without your commitment to our mission.

Best regards,
Dee Ann McWilliams, President
Major General, USA (Retired)

WELCOME TO THE BOARD!

We welcome two new additions to the AWF Board of Directors—Colonel (Ret) Alice Demarais USA, and CSM (Ret) Cynthia Pritchett USA.

COL Demarais served for over 30 years as a military nurse in the Navy Nurse Corps and the Army Nurse Corps. She currently is the Phoenix Hub Clinical Director for TriWest Healthcare Alliance, responsible for clinical services for military beneficiaries in a four state area.

Readers might recognize CSM Cynthia Pritchett as formerly a member of the Foundation's Advisory Board one of the first recipients of the AWF Hall of Fame Award. CSM Pritchett was on active duty with the United States Army for over 36 years and joined the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies in February 2010.

To read more about COL Demarais and CSM Pritchett, please visit our website at www.awfdn.org! ★

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to report that as we expand the scope of our Foundation activities, we are creating a growing list of other organizations working with us to serve Army women.

The Women’s Memorial (WIMSA) hosted the “When Janey Comes Marching Home” exhibit, which we were proud to co-sponsor.

We are working with the Friends of the World War II Memorial on a special program for Veterans Day honoring women who served during WWII, and our President will lay a wreath during the ceremony.

We have a growing number of educational institutions who have learned about us and have worked with us. We are in the process of developing these collobrations: George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, the University of Richmond in Richmond, VA, Northern Virginia Community College and other academic institutions are in the works.

In the private sector, we have received assistance from The Rhoads Group, a public affairs company in Washington, D.C., and Hayes and Associates, a public relations firm.

The Association of the U.S. Army is once again providing us with a booth at their national convention in October in Washington, D.C. This convention is one of the largest in the world and we will be there representing Army women. Hooah!

We are partnering in the non-profit world: Academy Women, the Army Nurses Foundation, Business and Professional Women's Foundation and the Quartermaster Foundation.

As Executive Director, I see a major part of my job to be building relationships with all of these organizations, not just to enhance fundraising, but to draw on their energy, share ideas and knowledge, and to create and promote programs for our supporters and Army women everywhere.

Peggy Trossen
Executive Director



CORPORATE CORNER

“Corporate Corner” is the first in a series of articles highlighting corporations and foundations that support the Army Women’s Foundation. We appreciate their support. We are able to do our work because of their input, ideas and belief in our mission.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance is privileged to serve military families and military retirees. Each day we do “Whatever it Takes” to deliver quality healthcare to the men and women who selflessly protect our freedom, and to their dependents who have sacrificed with them.

As the TRICARE managed care support contractor for the TRICARE West Region, TriWest manages the TRICARE program in 21 states in the western United States. Through a network of approximately 155,000 providers, we support the military health system by ensuring that military families receive the health care they need, as close to home as possible.

Our staff understands military culture, often because they have lived it. More than half of TriWest’s employees have a personal connection to the military. Many of our employees served in uniform, and many have a family member who has served, or currently is in the military.

Alice Demarais, Hub Clinical Operations Director in Phoenix, AZ, is one of those employees. Demarais’ son serves in the Army. Both she and her husband enjoyed military careers. Demarais retired at the rank of colonel from the Army Nurse Corps with a wealth of experience: she cared for patients at their bedside; taught medics how to care for wounded troops; developed personnel for leadership positions; planned medical facilities; and commanded a hospital as one of the first group of non-physicians to do so.

“It was a logical step to come to TriWest. We share many of the same values; taking care of service members and their families,” said Demarais. “What more could you want to do in life?”

It’s our people and our mission that make us what we are, and we salute the Army Women’s Foundation for the people it represents, and its mission of educating female soldiers, developing Army leaders, and recording the contributions of women who serve in the military. ★

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS — MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Recognizing the importance of education and helping recipients achieve their goals, the Foundation Legacy Scholarship announces the addition of scholarships for students attending community college. Whether it can be attributed to current economic times or better recruiting, community colleges are seeing an unprecedented surge in the number of applicants and the Army Women’s Foundation recognizes the importance of assisting with education funding at all academic levels.

The Legacy Scholarship program offers financial support towards community college coursework and undergraduate degrees to Army women and their lineal descendants. Scholarships are based on merit, academic potential, community service and need. Ten Community College Legacy Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1000 each and two College/University Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$2500 each. For more information visit our website at www.awfdn.org. Please encourage qualified applicants to apply! ★



IN MEMORIAM — RETIRED ARMY COLONEL LORRAINE A. ROSSI

Retired Army Colonel Lorraine A. Rossi, 81, died suddenly on August 6, 2010 at her Hingham, Mass. home. Col. Rossi was a long term member of the Army Women’s Foundation and predecessor boards of directors and since retiring had been a director emeritus.

Born in 1929 in Boston, she attended local schools and graduated from Bridgewater State College. In 1952 she received a direct commission in the Women’s Army Corps. Following training and a brief assignment at Fort Lee, Va., she was assigned to the group activating the Women’s Army Corps Center at Fort McClellan, Ala. Assignments in Phoenix, Ariz., Fort Ord, Calif., and Fort Richardson, Alaska followed. Overseas assignments included a tour in Japan and later in Vietnam where she was the senior WAC advisor to the Republic of Vietnam’s Women’s Armed Forces Corps. From 1971 to 1973 she served on the staff of WAC director Brig. Gen. Mildred I. Bailey. Next,

following graduation from the Army War College and promotion to colonel, she served as the deputy commander of the WAC Center before replacing Col. Shirley Heinze as the last Center commander. Having worked to activate the WAC Center, she was charged with closing it, which she did on Dec. 31, 1976. Her last active duty assignment was as the director of the Army Equal Opportunity Program in the Pentagon. She retired June 30, 1980. Her awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Service and Army Commendation Medals.

Col. Rossi remained active in retirement with veterans, community, and church affairs. She served on the Veterans Administration Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, was an active member of the WAC Veterans Association, and volunteered at the Veterans Administration

Hospital near her home. She is survived by her older sister Jeanne Rossi of Kennebunkport, Maine, and many friends and relatives. ★



Capt. K. Sutherland, Lt. Ann B. Smith, Lt. Thompson, Lt. Bretz (Cates), Lt. Rossi
Photo taken at Fort Lee, VA c. 1954
Courtesy US Army Women’s Museum

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PFC BARBARA VIEYRA

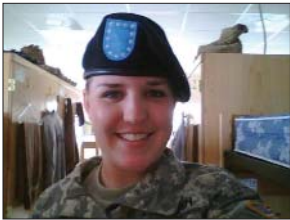


PFC Barbara Vieyra, 22, of Mesa, AZ died September 18, 2010 in Kunar province, Afghanistan of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked her unit using an improvised explosive device and rocket propelled grenade fire. She was assigned to the 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, TX.

She served as an expert marksman and had previously served in Korea. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with combat service star, Global War of Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War of Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge. She was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Barbara was deployed to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in April of 2010. She is a 2006 graduate of Skyline High School and is survived by her parents and a young daughter.

SPC FAITH HINKLEY



Faith enlisted in August 2007 and reported to Fort Jackson, SC for basic training and Fort Huachuca, AZ for advanced training in her specialty, human intelligence collector. She was assigned to the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. She had only six weeks remaining in her first tour of combat.

Hinkley is survived by her parents David and Annavee Hinkley of Monte Vista, brother Matthew, sister Shannon, and grandmother Leona Edwards.

SPC Faith Hinkley, 23, of Colorado Springs, CO died August 7, 2010 in Baghdad of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked her unit in Iskandariya.

SPC MORGANNE M. MCBETH



SPC Morganne M. McBeth, 19, of Fredericksburg, VA died July 2, 2010 of wounds sustained in a non-combat related incident in Khan Al Badhdadi, Iraq on July 1.

Morganne, a combat medic and paratrooper, was assigned to the 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, based at Fort Bragg, NC. McBeth’s awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Basic Parachutist Badge.

She is survived by her father, Leonard McBeth, and stepmother, Sylvia McBeth. ★

2009–2010 BRONZE MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The memorial plaque program provides the opportunity to remember deceased military or family members, friends or colleagues by placing their name on a permanent plaque in the Army Women’s Museum memorial garden. A donation of \$100 is required before a person’s name is included on the plaque. All women soldiers killed in the Global War on Terror are included at the Foundation's expense. Names are now being taken through December 31, 2010 for Plaque XV which covers 2009 and 2010. If you notice an error on this list or if you know a rank for one of the persons listed below, please contact the Foundation office. This is an opportunity to ensure the correct name will be cast on the plaque. Please also note the list of pending memorials as there is additional funds needed to complete these names.

MEMORIALS

Rank	First Name	Last Name
	Edna K.	Ast
MAJ	Audrey H.	Austin
BG	Mildred C.	Bailey
SSG	Barbara A.	Baker
SFC	Wanda L.	Baker
MSG	Mary L.	Bass
SGT	Bettie	Blair
	Lucille M.	Birdsall
	Eiline	Boyer
SGT	Garnet	Brickey
LTC	Rosa Lee Evans	Brown
SP5	Sandra Church	Castelo
MSG	Jeane	Caterbury-Ruthland
CPL	Wilda Wilson	Cooksey
	Emily Hice	Crittenden
MSG	Lorna	Cunninham
	Helen J.	Davis
SSG	Elizabeth	DeVivo
SGM	Sylvia	Dobson
	James E.	Doige
	Gladys Parker	Dunkling
	Alice K.	Fister
	Margaret L.	Freeburg
	Lydia	Gaydos
	Regina Beth Swearngin	Gibbble
MSG	Vera	Gordon
	Edith M.	Hamill
MAJ	Alice I.	Hampson
	Ruth M.	Henderson
CPL	Ruth A.	Hurden
	Mary F.	Iezzi
PFC	Mabel E. Parke	Kauffman
	Frances Lee Loftin	Kelley
SFC	Anna E.	Kubish
	Florence V.	Lancaster
	Betty E.	Lech
	Blanche M.	LeMonnier

MEMORIALS (continued)

Rank	First Name	Last Name
MSG	Ester	Lewis
	Elizabeth	Logan
CPT	Ann V.	MacPherson
	Martha P.	Maynard
SSG	Millie E.	McCord
PFC	Laura	McDonough
	Judy Covington	McKinnon
SSG	Cynthia M.	Meadows
SFC	Dorothy F.	Middleton
CPT	Sean R.	Murphy
	Lucy J.	Needham
	Margaret M.	Newcomer
SGT	Gertrude	Noone
SFC	Annie M.	Oliver
	Eva	Owens
SGT	Barbara Lauwers	Podoski
MAJ	Ruth Ashelford	Pollock
CW4	Martha Jane	Provo
	Cleo Mahan	Ready
SFC	Helen	Renshaw
1SG	Marjorie J.	Robinson
MAJ	Elizabeth A.	Rodenhiser
SFC	Angeline	Roller
	Al	Rosen
COL	Lorraine M.	Rossi
SGT	Mary Margaret	Salm
SGM	B. Elayne	Scott
	Florence K.	Selchert
	Pauline	Skinner
	Patricia A.	Sulzen
COL	Raffaele	Suriano
	Helen C.	Wagner
MAJ	Georgia B.	Watson
	Anne J.	Werch
SFC	Credessa A.	Williams
	Willie M.	Williams



PENDING MEMORIALS

(additional funds are needed)

Rank	First Name	Last Name	Amount Needed
SPC	Lakeshia	Bailey	\$75.00
	Theresa	Brachmann	\$75.00
SSG	Ella	Bradbury	\$90.00
	Carolyn	Burris	\$85.00
	Jesscia H.	Catto	\$75.00
	Olive	Carlton	\$50.00
	Esther P.	Corcoran	\$50.00
COL	June	Cruthchfield	\$50.00
	Paula Jankowski	Davis	\$75.00
	Ellen	Godfrey	\$50.00
	Jean	Grebb	\$75.00
	Jesscia	Hobby	\$75.00
MG	Jeanne	Holm	\$25.00
	Katherine	Huffman	\$75.00
	Josephine M.	Jamnik-Gornik	\$25.00
	Juanita Brown	Jankowski	\$75.00
SGT	Amy	Krueger	\$75.00
	Martha	Lamort	\$5.00
	Betty	Lanz	\$75.00
	Angie	Long	\$75.00
	Paula	Loyd	\$75.00
	Evelyn A.	Mundorff	\$50.00
	Paula	Murphy	\$50.00
SFC	Ann M.	Oliver	\$50.00
	Essie B.	Procter	\$75.00
	Mary Elizabeth	Resendes	\$75.00
	Sue Cross	Santa Maria	\$75.00
	Miriam	Seltzer	\$15.00
PFC	Autumn	Shannon	\$75.00
	Ann V.	Swann	\$50.00
	Virginia Biles	Tully	\$75.00
	Ann	Tyler	\$25.00
	Francheska	Velez	\$75.00
	Wolf	Vinskey	\$75.00
LTC	Juanita	Warman	\$75.00
	Selene Harding Curd	Weise	\$75.00
	Frances L.	Whitman	\$50.00
	Virginia R.	Worthington	\$50.00



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 4, Boston, MA
Women Are Veterans Too! Sixth Annual Celebration
www.mass.gov/?pageID=veteransterminal&L=2&Lo=Home&L1=Women+Veterans&sid=Eveterans&b=terminalcontent&f=womens_network&csid=Eveterans

Nov 9, Branson, MO
2010 Rose Petal Ceremony and Luncheon
<http://www.bransonwomenveterans.com/page/page/2491692.htm>

Nov 10, Washington D.C.
Salute to the Women of WWII Reception
Kick-off to the Veteran’s Day activities
6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Women’s Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery
Contact the Foundation office for more information.

Nov 11, Washington D.C.
Salute to the Women of WWII by the Friends of the World War II Memorial
9:00 AM at the World War II Memorial

Nov 13, Fort Des Moines, IA
Carrying Democracy and Feminism in Black Women's Military Knapsacks
<http://www.fortdesmoines.org>

Dec 5, Los Angeles, CA
18th Annual Veterans' Holiday Celebration
<http://nvf.org/events/item.php?id=253>

Jan 12 - 14, National Harbor, MD
AUSA’s ILW ARMY Aviation Symposium & Exposition
<http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/symposia/aviation/Pages/AUSA'sILWAviationSymposiumExpostion.aspx>

Feb 23-25, Fort Lauderdale, FL
AUSA’s ILW Winter Symposium & Exposition
<http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/symposia/winter/Pages/AUSA'sILWWinterSymposiumExposition.aspx>

Feb 27-Mar 2, 2011
Disabled American Veterans Mid-Winter Conference
<http://www.dav.org/news/UpcomingEvents.aspx>

April 18-21, San Antonio, TX
AUSA’s ILW Army Installations Symposium & Exposition
<http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/symposia/installations/Pages/AUSA'sILWArmyInstallationsSymposiumExposition.aspx>

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*Individuals or organizations may establish a memorial fund for a specific person. The deceased individual’s name is placed on a bronzed memorial plaque once the minimum \$100 donation is reached. The Memorial Plaque is dedicated every two years—the current plaque will run from Jan. 1, 2009–Dec. 31, 2010; you may add names of persons who died in an earlier period.

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