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Soldier Receives Silver Star

The Silver Star was presented to Army Specialist Monica Lin Brown by Vice President Richard B. Cheney at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan on Mar. 20, 2008. Brown is the second woman to receive the Silver Star since World War II.

Brown, 19, from Lake Jackson, Tex., is a combat medic assigned to the 4th Squadron,

earlier this month at Camp Salerno, Afghanistan, said that she was "...in a kind of a robot-mode, did not think

offensive action when she and other members of her patrol reacted to an insurgent ambush at Salmon Pak,

Iraq Mar. 20, 2005. The Army Women's Museum

Global War on Terrorism gallery includes a special exhibit on Hester and her squad.

Four nurses received the Silver Star during World War II for their actions in caring for their patients during an artillery barrage on the Anzio Beachhead.

Silver Star from Headquarters Department of the Army

Last year three World War I nurses who were awarded the Citation Star, a precursor to the Silver Star, were posthumously awarded the medal. *The Flagpole*, summer 2007, includes details on the AWM exhibit and the award of the Silver Star to the daughter of one of the World War I recipients.



VP Cheney presents Silver Star to SPC Brown (U.S. Army Photo)



Specialist Brown shown in Afghanistan (AP photo from www.msnbc.com)

73rd Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. On Apr.

25, 2007 she was in a convoy of Humvees patrolling near Jani Kheil in Afghanistan's eastern Paktia province when a roadside bomb hit the convoy. After the explosion, which destroyed one of the Humvees, the convoy was subjected to insurgent gunfire. Five soldiers were wounded and in need of care. Brown ran to the burning vehicle with her aid kit and began moving the wounded soldiers to a safer location. At the time, she and the convoy were continuing to receive incoming fire. Brown, who was interviewed

much about [getting hit] but getting the guys taken care of." In the same article the military is quoted as saying that Brown's actions saved the lives of her comrades.

Katy Brown, grandmother of Specialist Brown, was interviewed recently in Texas. She said that her granddaughter graduated from high school at 15 and had joined the Army to get a college education. She was quoted in the *Houston Chronicle* as saying: "She just did what she was trained to do... she's just a strong, strong young woman, and she's very caring."

Kentucky National Guard Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, then 23, from Bowling Green, Ky. was the first woman to receive the Silver Star for gallantry in

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President's Message



Dear Friends,
2007 was a momentous year! Since the last Flagpole newsletter much has happened. First, Foundation president Pat Sigle

resigned in October after four years on-the-job. I was elected to replace her at our annual board meeting. I am tremendously honored to follow the previous six presidents and want to thank Pat for her years of service! I pledge to work hard every day, and with your help, we will continue to make this organization even better.

Let me introduce myself. I am a retired Army Reserve command sergeant major with experience in communications, logistics, and recruiting. I graduated from the Sergeants Major Academy and served as command sergeant major in units from training battalion to brigade level. My current job is as the Texas-Oklahoma regional sales manager for Kadant-Johnson, Inc., an industrial leader specializing in fluid-handling applications. I specialize in the pulp and paper industry and live in Houston, Tex.

We look back on substantial accomplishments as we look forward to challenges and plans for the future. Last year we completed the museum addition concept; won two grants for Army Women's Museum programs; conducted a successful reunion in Branson, Mo.; held our first out of town Foundation social event ("Meet and Greet") in San Antonio, Tex.; increased participation in our oral history program; and, continued staff professionalization, hiring an

executive director and office administrative personnel.

We're pleased to welcome four new board members: Gail Howell, Ron Redmon, Dr. Patricia Taylor, and Elizabeth ("Franki") Whitbeck. For photos and a brief discussion of our new board members please see the article on page 7.

Our priorities for 2008 include beginning construction on the Museum addition, increasing the visibility of the Foundation and Museum, expanding our supporter base, and continuing to build the *Tell Your Story* oral history and Legacy Society programs. These programs increase our visibility and at the same time, increase our ability to support Foundation and Museum programs.

In January I made a one week trip to Virginia for consultations at Fort Lee and in Northern Virginia. With an aggressive itinerary set by executive director Peggy Trossen, I visited the Virginia legislature in Richmond, spent several days at Fort Lee for meetings with Judy Matteson, the Quartermaster (QM) Foundation and QM Museum, and with Brig. Gen. Jesse Cross, The Quartermaster General. I visited the QM Museum, and as a former QM soldier gained a new appreciation of how the museum helps soldiers better understand the complexity of their corps.

In Northern Virginia we visited Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught and Lt. Col. Marilla Cushman at the offices of the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation. We discussed ways we could work together to further our missions honoring women who have served.

I'm pleased and honored to report that I have accepted General Vaught's unexpected invitation to present the keynote address for the Memorial Day program at the Women's Memorial (May 26th). Incidentally, we're pleased to say that both Gen. Vaught and Col. Cushman are "Friends of the Foundation."

As we take steps to build an addition to our museum I'm reminded of all that was done by those who built the Women's Army Corps (WAC) Museum at Fort McClellan, Ala. The hard work and dedication of so many who handled the myriad details necessary for a successful fund raising campaign and for the planning and construction are an inspiration and an awesome example to us as we continue the effort at a new museum. My hat is off to all who had a hand in building and expanding our first museum!

We want you to know that we value your support and want you to be a part of what we are doing. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in one of our committees, host or help with a "Meet and Greet" function, or participate in the oral history program either as an interviewer or to *Tell Your Story*. We want all Americans to know about the service and sacrifice that women have made to the defense of America. If you have concerns or want to share information on Army women please feel free to contact us or contact me:

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The Museum Project

The Museum expansion project is becoming reality! Anyone involved with a building project knows it takes a long time and to move from the dream to the concept and to actual construction. Expansion has been a long term goal of this and earlier foundations for at least 15 years. Last year we received a huge practical boost resulting from the successful

Foundation efforts to secure a grant with the matching funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia to assist with preliminary plans.

We're in the process of hiring a professional project manager to supervise all

aspects of the planning and construction project. We hope to have a finished Museum addition in about 18 to 24 months.

Judy Matteson, Museum director, envisions this



The concept sketch shows how the new entrance to the museum might look



The museum as it looks today

effort as focusing on the addition of a theater and conference room to

accommodate larger groups and to

serve as a focal point for Post and community programs and gatherings. The addition will provide an enhanced entrance on the

west side of the building as well as an enlarged foyer with added special exhibit space. The new space will have up-to-date audio-

visual equipment and furnishings.

We'll keep you posted through the Flagpole and on our website at www.awfdn.org. This project is possible because of our supporters who share our dream of helping the Museum grow. Thank you for your continuing support of this important project!

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Foundation Receives Grant

In mid-October the Foundation received the good news that the board of directors of the Cameron Foundation had approved a grant of \$31,468 to the Army Women's Foundation for the Army Women's Museum's *Hands on History* project (for a discussion of *Hands on History* see News from the Museum Curator on page. 12). This grant is another partnering opportunity for the Foundation and the Museum, and supports a priority Museum program. The Cameron Foundation is a not-for-profit organization providing support for



Larry Tucker from the Cameron Foundation board presents April Booth, chief administrative officer, Army Women's Foundation, with a check for the grant on Oct. 25, 2007 (Foundation photo)

programs and activities that benefit the residents of the City of Petersburg, Va. and surrounding areas.

U.S. Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarships

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation has initiated a Legacy Scholarship program for past or present women soldiers, in recognition of the importance of education, and to assist recipients in achieving their educational goals. Scholarships awarded will be based on merit, academic potential, community service and need. Applicants must be a woman who has served or is serving honorably in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard, or the child of a woman who has served or is serving honorably. The applicant must be enrolled at an accredited college or university, have academic credits for junior or senior standing, and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0

or better. Selection of the Legacy Scholarship recipient(s) will be made by a Scholarship Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Army Women's Foundation. These funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees and documented room and board expenses. The funds will be sent to the awardees based on documentation of legitimate expenses and must be used in the academic year awarded. These funds may not be used for prior academic expenses. Details for applying and application form are available on line at www.awfdn.org, look under Programs, then under Legacy Scholarships. Note application deadline extension. **~all applications must be post-marked on or before June 1, 2008~**

Upcoming Events

May 19-25, 2008: Branson (Mo.) Women Veterans Committee is sponsoring the annual Women Veterans Week honoring women from all eras, all services, and those currently serving. For more information visit: www.bransonwomenveterans.com

May 26, 2008: Arlington National Cemetery (Va.), Women's Memorial Foundation's Annual Memorial Day observance. Keynote speaker: Command Sgt. Maj. Sue Pierce (USAR-Ret), President, Army Women's Foundation, 4:00 PM at the Women's Memorial. Free and open to the public. For more information visit www.womensmemorial.org -- (look under events)

June 20-22, 2008: National Summit on Women Veterans' Issues, sponsored by the Center for Women Veterans, Veterans Administration, will be held at the Westin City Center Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20005. The summit is free, but registration is required. Topics will include new and breaking issues. Attendees will have an opportunity to shape a plan for future progress on women veterans' issues. Information for women veterans will be available; a health expo will also be held. A special hotel rate is available for attendees. For information and registration see: www1.va.gov/womenvet/page.cfm?pg=70

July 31 – August 2, 2008: Army Nurse Corps Association reunion and convention, "Army Nursing Around the World," Hotel Murano, Tacoma, Wash. For more information see: www.e-anca.org/ANCAConv.htm

August 20-24, 2008: The annual convention of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association will be held at the Detroit (Mich.) Marriott Renaissance Center. Look for more information in the Association newsletter, *The Channel*, or online at: www.armywomen.org

In the news...

Sgt. Jill Stevens, Utah National Guard, is the 2007 Miss Utah. As the winner of the "America's Choice" title, based on receiving the most votes from the web, she was among the 16 finalists for the Miss America title. Stevens is a combat medic and a recipient of the Combat Medic's Badge. She deployed with the 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Group to Afghanistan where she served at Bagram and Kandahar from November 2003 to April 2005. She's a summa cum laude graduate (2007) of South-



Sgt. Jill Stevens (courtesy Utah National Guard)

ern Utah University with a bachelor's degree in nursing and has passed her exams to become a registered nurse. In Washington last fall to run the Marine Corps

Marathon, Stevens visited wounded warriors and their families at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In an article on the Utah National Guard web site, she is quoted as saying: "The military has really, truly provided me with a lot of opportunity...I love giving back..." Stevens is working on her packet to apply for a commission in the Army Nurse Corps.

The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2011 has the largest group of women so far with 225 entering last fall. Among the lessons the new cadets learn early: don't let anyone think you're getting special treatment because you're a girl; don't whine; and, don't quit!

Two Florida National Guard soldiers have become the first women Avenger Anti-Aircraft weapon systems crew members, a specialty only opened to women in late 2006. **Specialists Sorimar Perez and Amanda Landers**, members of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery, Daytona, Fla. completed training in April last year. The Avenger system is a light weight, mobile surface-to-air missile/gun

system. Landers was a truck driver



Photos show Landers (left) and Perez (right) (courtesy airdefenseartillery.com)

and deployed to Iraq in 2004. Perez was a mechanic who had not deployed but was quoted as saying she was ready.

Congratulations to retired **Colonel Virginia (Ginny) Gannon** on her selection as a member of the class of 2008 at the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Originally from Washington, D.C., Gannon entered the Army in 1951. She served as the WAC advisor to the Vietnamese Women's Armed Forces, and as WAC staff advisor to the U.S. Army, Europe. In retirement she has been active in civic and veterans activities. Other Army women in the Arizona Hall of Fame include Susan Wudy (Vietnam), Eldora Engebretson (Cold War), and Bess Stinson (WWII Army nurse).

Maj. Gen. Kathleen M. Gainey, currently serving as commanding general, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (MSDC), Scott Air Force Base, Ill., has been nominated by President Bush for promotion to lieutenant general

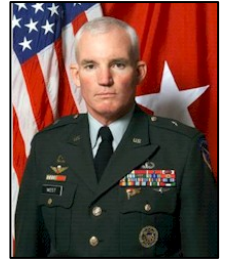


Gen. Gainey (courtesy MSDC)

and assignment as the director for logistics, J-4, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. Gen. Gainey joins a small group of women who have reached the three star level. In the Army this includes only two other women: retired Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy and active duty Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody currently the Army's G-4, but soon to be reassigned as the deputy

commanding, Army Material Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Our congratulations also go to **Brig. Gen. Scott West**, former Quartermaster General, who has been nominated for promotion to major general. Gen. West was very supportive of the Army Women's Museum and our predecessor Army Women's Museum Foundation.



Colonel Maria Britt was promoted to brigadier general and commander of the Georgia Army National Guard as of Dec. 1, 2007. Britt, who is from Gloversville, N.Y., was commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy in 1985. She served in military police and intelligence assignments from platoon through battalion commander and in a variety of staff positions. At her promotion she noted that it was often difficult for a woman in a largely male dominated organization. She was credited with helping the Georgia Guard get on a solid technological footing and with helping to raise troop strength.

Colonel Jill Morgenthaler, USAR-Retired, from Des Plaines, Ill., is running for Congress in her state's 6th District. Her Army service spanned 30 years and included duty in Korea, Germany, Bosnia and Iraq in intelligence, civil affairs, and public affairs assignments.

In December the new **Logistics Corps** insignia to be worn by captains through colonels was unveiled.

The insignia (Army photo at right) includes symbols of the Quartermaster, Ordnance, and Transportation Corps'. The Corps' motto is "sustinendum victoriam," Latin for sustaining victory. Enlisted soldiers will continue to train in a primary specialty in one of the three branches.



Tell Your Story Update

The Foundation's oral history program, *Tell Your Story*, enjoyed an excellent year with a record 18 interviews. Interviewers included Claire Archambault, Pat Jernigan, Cathy Lange, Sue Pierce and Peggy Trossen. Interviews were conducted in Northern Virginia, Branson, Mo., and San Antonio, Tex.; interviewed were: Judy Avritt, Judy Bennett, Laura Brown, Mary E. (Betty) Clarke, Rita Cleveland, Frances Crawford, Jean Forrest, Barbara Green, Jeanna Kilbane, Maida Lambeth, Carl McNair, Jr., Barbara (Skip) Moisan, Joanne Murphy, Jeanne Murray, Lillian Sanchez, Rosalia Sepulveda, and Helen (Gig) Smith. Thanks to all!

Each story is special, and each veteran has a story! It is important to capture our stories because histories cannot begin to note many important details that only come out in an individual's interview. It is these stories that give us insight into how events transpired, what it means to serve in the Army, and the hardships and joys of service. If you would like to participate or assist in the oral history program please contact the Foundation (see page 3 for information).

Highlights from the interviews include: Retired Maj. Gen. Carl McNair was the brigade commander when the first women began pilot training at Fort Rucker, Ala. Former WAC captain Laura Brown served in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II. Frances Crawford participated in Operation Urgent Fury (Granada, 1983). Jeanna Kilbane was the Army female vocalist of the year for 2003. Lillian Sanchez was a supply specialist; she served two years in Vietnam as well as at tours in Europe. Jean Forest was one of a few WACs to serve in Burma, India, and China during World War II. Maj. Gen. Betty Clarke was the last director, Women's Army Corps and is believed to hold the longevity record for continuous active Army service.

Foundation Activities

On Sep. 13th the Foundation held the first in a series of "meet and greet" events in San Antonio. Franki Whitbeck, a new member of the Foundation board arranged the event with



Retired Lt. Col. Janie Obregon brought her album with photos of her long Army career including WWII service as a recruiter and subsequent tours in Japan and Germany. Obregon and Foundation president Sue Pierce share a story at the Meet and Greet. (Foundation photo)

invitations sent to local supporters and area soldiers. Sue Pierce's remarks highlighted Foundation programs including museum expansion and the research study with George Mason University. At the conclusion of her remarks, Janie Obregon, a long-time Foundation supporter presented a check to the Foundation to show her continued support and to help Foundation programs. General Mary Clarke, also in attendance, reminisced about her Army service and captivated the active duty soldiers with her experiences.

Foundation members have participated in several events in the Washington, D.C. area including the annual National Guard Bureau Health Fair, Fort Myer retiree day activities, and the Women's Memorial Tenth Anniversary reunion held at the Washington, D.C. National Guard Armory. About 150 new "friends of the Foundation" were signed up at these events.

We're pleased to report that Foundation advisor, Brig. Gen. Pat Foote was recognized by the Alliance for National Defense at the WIMSA reunion, receiving one of three "Positive Voice" awards presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and service.

Retired Maj. Gen. Dee McWilliams and Peggy Trossen met Congresswoman Susan Davis from the 53rd Congressional District in California in September on Capitol Hill. Congresswoman Davis is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Women's Caucus. McWilliams and Trossen briefed Davis on the role of the Foundation and discussed the findings from the George Mason study. Davis is active on veterans issues and supports women in the military.

In October Dr. Lisa Fowler of George Mason University presented the research findings on the Foundation's economic and social impact of service study at the fourth annual Academy Women's Symposium at the Women's Memorial. This symposium attracts graduates of all the



Maj. Gen. Dee McWilliams shown with Congresswoman Susan Davis at their meeting on Capitol Hill Sept 6, 2007 (Foundation photo)

military academies as well as other women military leaders. Panel participants focused on the benefits of serving in the military and the educational experiences to be learned and shared.

Vicki Merryman represented the Foundation at the Branson, Mo. Veterans' Home-

coming Week in November, served as guest speaker at the women veterans homecoming luncheon, addressed an event sponsored by the Military Writers Society, and spoke at the Skyline Baptist Church tribute to veterans.

New Board Members

We're delighted to have four new board members! Dr. Pat Taylor is a senior government executive responsible for the development of programs to improve diversity within the intelligence community; she lives in



Pat Taylor, Ron Redmon, and Gail Howell, Oct. 2007 board meeting at the Army Women's Museum, Fort Lee (Foundation photo)

Columbia, Md. Pat's mother was a World War II member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. Ron Redmon is an assistant vice president at Commerce Bank. He served on active duty as an intelligence specialist in Iraq, holds a reserve commission, and lives in Woodbridge, Va. Gail Howell served on active duty as a military intelligence officer and has worked in a variety of senior national level intelligence positions. She is currently a consultant with Mitre Corporation and resides in Arlington, Va. Franki Whitbeck served on active duty for over twenty years in medical specialties, graduated from the Sergeants Major Academy, and now works for the San Antonio public schools; she also lives in San Antonio.



Franki Whitbeck at the September 2007 "Meet and Greet" in San Antonio (Foundation photo)

Foundation Staff

First, our congratulations to April Booth, Foundation administrative officer, and husband James on the birth of their son, Connor, on Jan. 9, 2008!!

We're pleased to introduce two new Foundation employees: David Johnson who joined the staff last summer, and Deborah Levenson who joined the staff in November. Dave is the Foundation bookkeeper; he has over 25 years experience. Since retiring from First Virginia Bank he has started his own accounting and bookkeeping practice; he resides in the Hopewell area. Debbie has several years experience as an administrative professional. She is from Richmond and graduated from the University of Richmond. She has been updating records, building databases and taking on many Foundation projects.

Seven part-time education assistants were hired by the Foundation through the Cameron grant to work with the Museum's *Hands on History* program; they are: Jeffrey Bourgeois, Chan-Tresa Carr, Cheryl Cross, Angie Doyle, Nikki Garrison, Katharine Hall, and Stanley Harris. For more program details see News from the Museum Curator on page 12.

Museum Wish List

Books

American Women and the US Armed Forces: A guide to the records of military agencies in the National Archives relating to American Women, Virginia Cardwell Purdy et al., National Archives (1992), \$25.00.

In the Company of Soldiers, Melia Meichelbock, BookSurge (2007), \$18.00

Women of the Revolution, Robert M. Dunkerly, The History Press (2007), \$16.00.

From Japan with Love, Mary A. Ruggieri, Portsmouth Publishing (2007), \$25.00 (see book review p. 11).

Kuwait Diary: Email from the Desert Camps, Holly Doyne, iUniverse Inc. (2006), \$32.00.

An American Story, Debra J. Dickerson, Pantheon Books (2000), \$12.00.

Other

Tensa barrier stanchions (to separate visitors away from temporary exhibits).
Needed: four
@ \$180.00 ea.



Large Format
Printing Paper, 42" X 100'.
Needed: two @ \$82.00 ea.

If you wish to support any of these items, indicate the item name on the donation form and mail it with your check, made out to the **Army Women's Foundation**. Thank you!

Taps for Fallen Comrades

Honoring the Army Women who died in Afghanistan and Iraq

Fallen Comrades is dedicated to the memory of women soldiers who have died as a result of their service in the Global War on Terrorism. The Army Women's Foundation includes each fallen comrade on the permanent biannual bronze plaque installed in the Memorial Garden at the Museum.

Staff Sgt. Alicia A. Birchett, 29, from Mashpee, Mass., died Aug. 9, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq from injuries



Photo from
www.indiancountrynews.net

received when she was accidentally pinned between two vehicles while changing a tire. Birchett was a construction equipment repairer assigned to the 887th

Engineer Company, 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. She is survived by her husband, three sons, ages two to eight, her parents, sisters, and many other relatives. A member of the Wampanoag tribe, Birchett was buried using both tribal custom and military funeral honors.

Sgt. Princess C. Samuels, 22, of Mitchellville, Md., was killed on Aug. 15, 2007 in an enemy attack at Camp Taji using indirect fire.

She was an imagery interpreter assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Tex. Samuels was a gifted artist and a high school athlete. She is survived by her mother and husband. She was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors.



Photo from
www.wusa9.com

Specialist Zandra T. Walker, 28,

from Greenville, S.C., was killed on Aug. 15 in the same attack that killed Sgt. Samuels. Walker was a petroleum supply specialist assigned to the 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st



Photo from www.wyff4.com

Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Tex. Known to her family as "Nicey," Walker joined the Army in 2002 with her twin sister Yolanda ("Tricey") Worthy. The Worthy family had recently been together for the funeral of another sister, Katrina, who died from the effects of brain cancer. She is survived by her parents, three sisters, and husband.

Specialist Kamisha J. Block, 20, from Vidor, Tex. died Aug. 16, 2007 in an incident described as "non-combat related." Block's family has been quoted as saying she was fatally



AP photo from www.cnn.com

wounded in a friendly fire incident. Block was a military policeman assigned to the 401st Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, Tex. She is survived by her parents, grandmother, sisters, aunts and uncles, and other close family members. She was buried in Del-Ray Cemetery, Vidor.

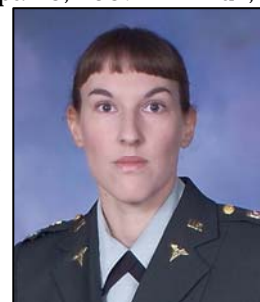
Specialist Marisol Heredia, 19 of El Monte, Calif. died Sept. 7, 2007 at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Tex. of injuries received in a non-combat related incident. Heredia



Photo from
www.wafb.com

was a petroleum specialist assigned to the 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Tex. Family members reported that Heredia was refueling a generator on July 18th when a spark ignited gasoline; she was burned over 80% of her body. Her battalion commander called her a very promising young soldier. She is survived by her mother, stepfather, three sisters and fiancé. Heredia was buried at Port Hudson National Cemetery, Zachary, La.

Capt. (Dr.) Roselle M. Hoffmaster, 32, from Cleveland, Ohio died on Sept. 20, 2007 in Kirkuk, Iraq of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. She was the surgeon assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. She had been in Iraq less than two weeks. Hoffmaster graduated from Smith College in 2000 and received her medical degree at Case Western Reserve University in 2004. An article based on interviews at Smith called her selfless and a brilliant student. She married a fellow student in 2000 and is survived by her parents and husband.



Army photo (10th Mountain Division News)

Corp. Ciara M. Durkin, 30, from Quincy, Mass. died at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, on Sept. 28, 2007. She was a light wheeled vehicle mechanic assigned to the 726th Finance Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard, West Newton, Mass. Born in Ireland, Durkin came to the U.S. with her

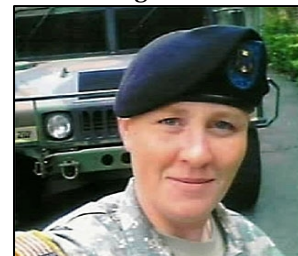


Photo from www.boston.com

family when she was ten years old. She had been home on leave a few weeks before her death and had hinted at concerns about things she had observed. Reports indicate that she was killed by a single gunshot wound near a church on the base. She is survived by her mother, stepfather and nine siblings. Her ashes were taken back to Ireland and she was buried with her father in Lettermore, County Galway.

Corp. Rachael L. Hugo, 24, of Madison, Wis., died Oct. 5, 2007 in Bayji, Iraq of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device (IED)



Photo from
www.legacy.com

and small arms fire. Hugo was a health care specialist assigned to the 303rd Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, U.S. Army Reserve, Jackson, Mich. She had gone to the aid of a wounded soldier when she was struck. Hugo was noted for volunteering to go on missions so that a medic was always present. Hugo is survived by her parents and younger brother.

Staff Sgt. Lillian Clamens, 35, from Lawton, Okla. was one of two soldiers killed on Oct. 10, 2007 when rockets struck Camp Liberty, Iraq. Clamens was an administrative specialist assigned to the 1st Postal Platoon, 834th Adjutant General Company, Miami, Fla. and was scheduled to return home two days after she died. She was described by friends as positive, strong, and one who would do everything for her family or the soldiers with whom she worked. Clamens is survived by her husband and three children.



AP (family photo)

Lance Corp. Sarah Holmes, 26,

British Army, from Wantage, Oxfordshire, England died Oct. 14, 2007 from injuries sustained earlier in a traffic accident in Al Udeid, Qatar.



Photo courtesy Ministry of Defense, UK

Holmes had previously served in Northern Ireland, Iraq, the former Republic of Yugoslavia, Kenya, and Poland as a member of the Postal and Courier Service. She was highly regarded by fellow soldiers. Family members were at her bedside when she died.

Second Lieut. Tracy L. Alger, 30, of New Auburn, Wis., died Nov. 1, 2007 in Shubayshen, Iraq of wounds suffered when an IED detonated near her vehicle. Alger was a quartermaster officer assigned to Company F, 626th Brigade Combat Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Campbell, Ky. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 2001 with a degree in marketing communications. She started thinking about military service after the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. Alger was a platoon leader responsible for traveling to remote bases and outposts to distribute supplies. She is survived by her parents and sister.



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Staff Sgt. Carletta S. Davis, 34, from Anchorage, Alaska was killed with three other soldiers when an IED detonated near their Humvee on Nov. 5, 2007 at Tal



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Al-Adahab, Iraq. A flight medic, Davis was assigned to the 10th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. She is survived by her mother, husband, and three sons.

Specialist Christine M. Ndururi, 21, of Dracut, Mass., died Nov. 6, 2007 at Camp Arfjan, Kuwait, from a non-combat related illness. Ndururi was



U.S. Army photo

an automated logistics specialist assigned to the 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Tex. Investigation into her death continues. Ndururi, who was born in Kenya, enlisted in the Army Reserves while she was a high school senior. Ndururi is survived by her parents, three brothers, a sister, and grandparents.

Specialist Ashley Sietsema, 20, of Melrose Park, Ill., died Nov. 12, 2007 of injuries suffered in a vehicle accident during a routine patient transfer. She was a health care specialist assigned to the 708th Medical Company, 108th Medical Battalion, 108th Sustainment Brigade, Illinois National Guard, North Riverside, Ill. Prior to deployment she was attending Northern Illinois University studying to become a nurse. She is survived by her husband, mother and a brother.



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"Taps" is compiled by Patricia Jernigan and author Noonie Fortin. Visit Noonie's web site at www.nooniefortin.com. Features on the site include segments on female casualties from many eras in addition to the present conflicts, as well as information on Noonie's books.

Transitions

Sadly, we report the passing of three distinguished retirees who collectively spent about 170 years in active and retired service as soldiers and as members of the various boards supporting the WAC or Army Women's Foundations.

Elizabeth Paschel

Hoisington was born Nov. 3, 1918 in Newton, Kans.; her father was an Army colonel. She graduated from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. (1940). She enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in October 1942 and was assigned to the Aircraft Warning Service in Bangor, Me. She graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Des Moines, Iowa in early 1943 and was commissioned as a third officer (second lieutenant). Assigned to duty in Paris, France, she participated in the Allied Forces victory parade down the Champs de Elysee held on May 14, 1945. Hoisington held command positions in France, Germany, Japan, and at Fort Monroe, Va.; she served as commander of the WAC Center at Fort McClellan, Ala. She also served in a variety of staff jobs.

Gen. Hoisington was the seventh director of the Women's Army Corps, serving from 1966 to 1971. In June, 1970 she and Army Nurse Corps director Anna Mae Hays became the first Army women promoted to brigadier general. During her tenure WAC officers (other than the Corps' directors) were selected for the first time for promotion to full colonel and began to attend senior service colleges. The WAC student officer program was initiated and, WAC strength was increased by several thousand. At the same time, she was disturbed by the Army's decision to reduce standards for women allowing enlistment and retention waivers

in case of pregnancy, parenthood and other previously disqualifying conditions.



Lt. Col. Hoisington with WAC Director, Col. Emily Gorman at Fort McClellan, about 1966 (courtesy Lt. Col. Mary Spring)

by her sister, Nancy Smith, and a brother, Robert Hoisington.

Ann Blakely Smith

was born Dec. 19, 1930 in Quitman, Ga. She graduated from Valdosta State University and taught school in Atlanta before entering the Army in 1953. After completing officer training at Fort Lee, Va. she served as a WAC detachment and battalion commander, personnel officer, instructor, and in various staff positions in the U.S. and abroad. She was the first post World War II woman to serve as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Her overseas assignments included tours in Bremerhaven, Germany and Saigon, Vietnam. In 1970 she was assigned as senior WAC advisor to the Vietnamese Women's Armed Forces



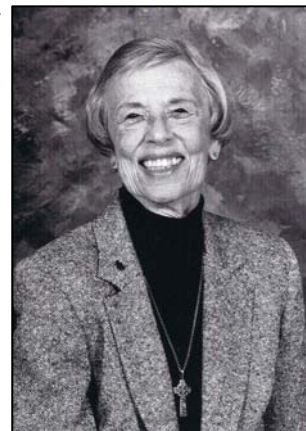
Lieut. Smith with Capt. Sutherland, probably at Fort Lee, Va. about 1953 (courtesy Army Women's Museum)

General Hoisington died Aug. 21, 2007 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on a beautiful fall day with an overflow crowd. She is survived

Corps. In 1977 as a colonel, she was the post project officer for the dedication of the newly completed WAC Museum at Fort McClellan.

During five assignments to the WAC Center she was known for the excellence of her work as instructor and as a commander.

She was active in the Presbyterian Church, serving in several leadership positions. She played an instru-



Col. Smith, c. 2002 (courtesy Lt. Col. Roberta Dobbs)

mental role in the formation of the Army Women's Foundation, serving on the Publicity and Education Committee and as secretary until forced by ill health to resign. Never shy in a group, she was known for her incisive comments, ability with the English language, and her wit. She died Sep. 23, 2007. She is survived by her brother, Don Smith, and by many close friends and admirers.

Dorothy (Dottie) Lee Love was born on December 24, 1923 in Tallapoosa, Ga. Jean Gordon, Dottie's youngest sister, commented that young Dottie loved to march the kids around practicing military drill. She enlisted in the WAC in August 1945, and went through basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. By 1947 she was assigned to Berlin, Germany during the Berlin Airlift. She and then-Sergeant Mary E. (Betty) Clarke, also assigned to occupation duty in Berlin, became fast friends. Gen. Clarke reported that a group of WACs worked together to prepare for the weekly parade – one would shine shoes, one would shine brass, another would work on uniforms, and others would get dinner ready. The WAC detachment had a rather

unpleasant position in the parades – right behind the mounted constabulary force. They often had to march through the droppings left by the horses. The battalion commander was finally able to get the position of the detachment changed eliminating this unwelcome challenge. Love was commissioned in December 1951. Her assignments included recruiting duty, detachment and company command and staff work. She was known for her dedication to duty and friendly nature. An active member of the board of directors for the Army Women's Foundation and its predecessors, she served for 30 years in a variety of positions. The first



Corp. Love at her desk in Berlin, about 1947 (courtesy Jean Gordon)

Foundation web site was developed under her tutelage and she worked on the Museum brochures for both the WAC and Army Women's Museums. In recognition of her service she was elected to director emeritus status in 2006. She is survived by two sisters, Jeanette Love and Jean Love Gordon, and many nieces and nephews.

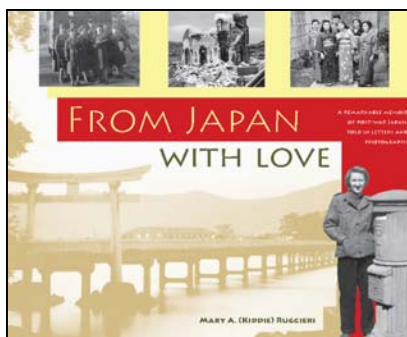
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Books of Interest to Army Women

From Home Sister to Second Lieutenant: Army Dietitians in World Wars I and II, Patricia A. M. Hodges, Catawba Publishing Company, Charlotte, N.C. (2007). This extensive compilation describes the development of dietetics in a military setting. Hodges includes autobiographical sketches, excerpts from journals and reports, and photos illustrating both the work and the women involved. This is an important book for showing the development of women's roles in the military. The book is available from Lt. Col. Hodges at 9308 Brookhill Court, Waxhaw, N.C. 28173. The cost is \$32.50 including postage; North Carolina residents include \$1.89 tax.

From Japan with Love 1946-1948, Mary A. (Kiddie) Ruggieri, Portsmouth Publishing, San Rafael, Calif. (2007), \$24.95. This is a fascinating book! Kiddie joined the Army in 1945,



serving in the U.S. before volunteering for duty with the occupation forces in Japan. The book is lavishly illustrated with the author's photographs. The reader becomes a virtual participant in WAC detachment life. You'll admire the scenery, see the post war poverty and destruction, and watch the growing romance between Sergeants Kiddie and Ruggieri. The book is available from Amazon Books.

A Life So Full, by Laura Mae DuFore, New Bern, N.C. (2006), \$15.00. This slim, engaging volume, written by DuFore at the age of 101, tells the remarkable story of a life of hard work and achievement. In 1943 at the age of 39 she closed her beauty shop in Detroit and enlisted in the WAAC. She served in California, New Guinea, and the Philip-

pinas. After the war she worked as a real estate agent and artist. She died in August 2007 at 103. Her book is inspiring! Available by mail only from Ms. Marjorie C. Williams, 264 Lakeshore Drive, Arapahoe, N.C. 28510.

Women in Combat Compendium, Colonel Michele M. Putko and Dr. Douglas V. Johnson, II, editors, Strategic Studies Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Penna. (2008), free. This study (81 pages), done at the Army War College, reaches the conclusion that "...women can perform their assigned duties in the combat zone, including engaging in combat...with skill and valor equal to their male comrades." Download at:

www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?PubID=830

The Built Environment of Cold War Era Servicewomen, Report ERDC/CERL M-06-2, Dawn A. Morrison and Susan I. Enscoe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2006), available free. This report (300 pages) chronicles military construction for servicewomen from World War II through the Cold War. With many illustrations it is a fascinating (if dry)

look at the women's facilities. Download from www.cecer.army.mil/td/tips/pub/details.cfm?PUBID=6222&TOP=1.

Nancy Love and the WASP Ferry Pilots of World War II, Sarah Byrn Rickman, University of North Texas Press, Denton (2008), \$24.95. An accomplished (and well known) aviator before the war, Love took a leading role in the formation of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron and the merger that resulted in the formation of the Women Airforce Service Pilots. Rickman's extensive research provides the first full length, in-depth look at Nancy Love and includes extensive interviews with Love's daughters and surviving Women Airforce Pilots. Available from Amazon.com.

News from the Museum Curator

Women's History Month



Our work at the U.S. Army Women's Museum continues at a hectic pace. We have just scheduled

student number 5,000 for our *Hands on History Program (HOH)* for this school year. In its first year this program has already met year two goals. Because of the phenomenal acceptance and growth of HOH, the museum, through the Cameron Grant, and in conjunction with the Army Women's Foundation, has hired a part-time Museum Education Specialist. Tracy Bradford started work on 1 October 2007. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the College of William and Mary and her Masters' degree in Education and Human Development from George Washington University. Tracy is a perfect fit for the school programs and the museum team. Seven additional part-time education assistants were also hired to help in the classroom on a rotating basis. There are a minimum of two per class. This gives the students the best possible instructional assistance making the program that much stronger. Every school teacher that has participated has praised this aspect of the program. If the education assistants are not helping in the classroom, they are preparing instructional materials or putting together teacher resource packets. Their help has been invaluable.

The museum continues to have monthly special exhibits and Department of Defense special

observance exhibits. The February feature for African American/Black History was the 404th Army Service Forces (ASF) Band. The band initially started as an "open secret" at Fort Des Moines, Iowa in early 1943, unrecognized but not forbidden according to Major Charity Adams Early who watched over the fledgling group like a mother hen. Their instruments were requisitioned as recreational equipment. Among the first members only three played

Fisk University and a second music degree from Oberlin Conservatory. She played a crucial role in the development of the band. Since few of the 28 members had ever played an instrument it was three months before they played their first formal concert. The music was simple, but the reception was positive and the band blossomed. They continued to hone their skills by playing in small towns around Fort Des Moines. With each performance they gained

confidence. In 1944 they participated in a parade for the opening of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's annual convention. They were excited, but that excitement would not last. When they returned to Fort Des Moines, they were told that the band, known as WAC Band No. 2, was being deactivated. They were devastated, but resolved to fight and launched a



The First all Negro WAC Band in Dec. 1943 at Fort Des Moines. Staff Sgt. Leonora Hull Brown, director 404th WAC Band (courtesy U.S. Army Women's Museum archives)

instruments other than piano. Master Sgt. Joan A. Lamb was assigned to the authorized white band when she was ordered to organize a Negro WAC band. This came as a surprise, because before that she "had never known a Negro." However, before things were over she felt it was "one of the most interesting and rewarding experiences of her career." Assisting her in this endeavor was Leonora Hull Brown, who later became the director of the 404th. Brown earned a bachelors degree in music from

campaign to reverse the decision. They asked everyone they knew to write to Washington. Realizing that this order had a demoralizing effect on the troops and that it was being protested, the command decided to keep the members of the band in various assignments on post instead of sending them to other installations. The letter writing campaign finally paid off, and the band was reactivated as the 404th (ASF) Band. 1945 brought one of the high points of the band's history. They were invited to participate in

the Seventh War Bond Drive in Chicago. The original request was to play in the black areas of town. However, they impressed the organizers of the event so much that they received an extension of their tour to take part in the main bond drive events sharing the stage with Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart. That was followed by a presentation at Soldier Field the next day. The first and only all Negro WAC Band in history was disbanded in December 1945. The members of the band were proud of their accomplishments, successes and contributions. [Our thanks go to Javel Gates, our intern from Virginia State University, for much of the research and exhibit design ideas for this exhibit. Miss Gates worked under the supervision of Francoise Bonnell to produce an outstanding tribute to the 404th.]

Francoise Bonnell has also been busy working with Dr. Laura Browder, associate professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). This oral history project will eventually become a traveling exhibit and a book, *When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Women Combat Veterans*. Because of the museum's help with this project our *Extraordinary Voices* oral



Dr. Laura Browder

history program will have at least 12 new additions and maybe more. All of the oral histories will be from current female soldiers who recently returned from Iraq or Afghanistan. Society is only beginning to come to grips with this phenomenon and how it affects female soldiers, their families, and society. Hopefully, this project will help this process. (Dr. Browder is the author of several books, including *Rousing the*

Nation, Slippery Characters, and *Women and Guns*. In 2007 she was recognized as an outstanding professor in the VCU College of Humanities and Sciences.)

War was declared at the Army Women's Museum on Jan. 19th when museum specialist Ron Bingham hosted the Third Annual *Flames of War Day*. The day consisted of wargames that simulate military operations; this year's theme was the World War II battle, the relief of Stalingrad.

Wargaming is a hobby dedicated to playing these games. Although unconventional for the Army Women's Museum, it did have its benefits. We had over 134 gamers and their families visit the museum that day. The players are mostly men, and not your usual Women's Museum visitor. I think this was a plus for the museum. It not only gave them a chance to see our museum, but it gave them a chance to talk to Ron about our exhibits. Most players are very knowledgeable in military history. It is always wise to hear their comments. Additionally, it gave us some very nice publicity. The post newspaper, *The Traveller*, covered the event and gave us front page and centerfold coverage. The article was also picked up by *Army News*.

March is Women's History Month and the museum is planning a new temporary exhibit. We will also have a two part reception on March 28th. A "drop-in" reception in the afternoon is for female soldiers from the 23rd Brigade. The Foundation will fund the refreshments and be on hand to talk with the soldiers. Hopefully, the event will inspire

some to join the foundation. This will be followed by an evening reception hosted by Brig. Gen. Jesse Cross, the Quartermaster General. This event will be attended by local



Two players consider their options (courtesy *The Traveller*, by Mike Strasser, Fort Lee Public Affairs Office)

dignitaries and members of the Fort Lee community to help us celebrate Women's History Month and showcase the museum addition. (For more information on the addition see the article on page 3.)

The next big project for the museum is to develop soldier training programs. Everybody keep your fingers crossed for this one. Soldier training is our main mission, however, there are so many changes taking place in the Army today there is not enough time for everything. We must make our programs relevant to the Army to have them considered. We hope we have made inroads with the 23rd Brigade here at Fort Lee, which is 50% female Soldiers. Only time will tell.



Visit the museum on-line at www.awm.lee.army.mil

Bronze Memorial Plaque Program

Plaque XIV

The bronze plaque program provides a visible means of honoring deceased friends, colleagues, and family members in a permanent memorial. Plaque XIII, dedicated at the Army Women's Foundation reunion in Branson, Mo. last May, is awaiting installation in the U.S. Army Women's Museum Memorial Garden.

A donation of \$100 is required to place a person's name on the plaque. All women soldiers killed in the Global War on Terror are included at Foundation expense. Plaque XIV will cover from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. Donations in memory of a person who died prior to January 1, 2007 are also welcome at any time.

When sending in a donation if you know the rank, service affiliation, and date of death, please include the information.

If you spot an error on this list, or if you know the rank for one of the persons listed below please write, email or call the Foundation (see page 3 for contact information).

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	Maureen Bateman
	Josephine A. Beary
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	Minnie E. Benanati
LTC	Catherine Brajkovich
LTC	Rosa E. Brown
2LT	Irene Cameron
SFC	Helen F. Carr
	Callie "Kit" Carson, ANC
SP5	Marie J. Connelly
LTC	Frances Crittenden
	Sue M. Cross
	Helen F. Cruickshanks
	Mary C. Davis
	Ethel Foster Deglass

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Donor Spotlight

This edition begins a regular feature to highlight a few of our contributors. "Murphy's Marauders" is one group that provides wonderful support to our Foundation and Museum!

Joanne Murphy and fellow Vietnam veterans regularly get together for reunions. In 1968 then Capt. Murphy was assigned to U.S. Army, Vietnam as the second commander of the WAC Detachment. Already there were first sergeant Marion Crawford, senior administrative NCO, Betty Benson, and about 100



Capt. Murphy receiving the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam (courtesy Women's Memorial)

enlisted women, Sharing a challenging situation, day-to-day

hardships, and combat zone dangers (such as mortar and sapper attacks), this group developed a closeness that such conditions often generate. Last fall a special gathering was held in Atlanta, Ga. organized by Sonia Gonzalez. In addition to the chance to catch up on group news, the women (who call themselves "Murphy's Marauders") visited the U.S. Army Reserve Center, toured the Center's museum, and had the opportunity for an unscheduled visit with chief of staff, Brig. Gen.

Anne McDonald. Gen. McDonald gave the women a heart-felt thank you for their service. As a result of the Marauders' activities two very

generous contributions were made to the Foundation in 2007. We want to



Front, left to right: Glenda Storni-Graebe, Marie Dube-Gross, Sonia Gonzalez, Susie Stephens-MacArthur. Back row: Marsha Mossing, Joanne Murphy, General McDonald, Marion Crawford, and Marsha "Cricket" Holder (courtesy Joanne Murphy)

recognize the continuing support from the Marauders and say *thank you* one and all!

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Virginia Legislature honors Helen ("Gig") Smith

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A Virginia Assembly proclamation honoring Army Women's Foundation board member Gig Smith was read in session on Feb. 21, 2007 by sponsoring senator, Walter Stosch from Virginia's 12th District. The proclamation cited Smith for her Army service from 1943 to 1945, participation in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1947 and 1948, over 30 years as an art and shop teacher, and volunteer work with the Army Women's Museum and Foundation. Smith received a standing ovation from senators and onlookers in the gallery.



Photo right: Virginia lieutenant governor, Bill Bolling, presiding over the Virginia Senate on Feb. 21st; Photo above: Smith with Senator Stosch outside his Richmond office (Foundation photos)

