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Reserve your place at our 2007 Army Women's Reunion!

We're heading to Branson, Missouri May 17th thru May 20th, 2007!

Centrally located, Branson offers reasonable prices, breathtaking scenery, and a variety of great live entertainment. Branson is extremely friendly to veterans and hosts an annual Military Women Veterans Week each May.

Although the Women Veterans Reunion Week will start May 14th our Army Women's Reunion will start with a reception Thursday evening, May 17th and continue throughout that weekend. You are welcome to come for the entire week or join us for the weekend festivities only.

The Army Women's Foundation hospitality room will be open daily in the Settle Inn, headquarters for the Foundation. For information on lodging and other activities see the reunion information on page 14 in this Flagpole. Contact your friends and make your plans to attend!

Why are we going to Branson? Unfortunately wartime requirements at Fort Lee have necessitated the cancellation of nonessential activities such as the Quartermaster Regimental Week and our reunion.

Branson was selected because of its central location, reasonable prices, and many activities. We considered other options, but accommodations in the Washington, D.C. area are cost prohibitive. "Piggybacking" on the Military Women Veterans Week events allows us to provide you with

twice the amount of networking, activities, and entertainment, including close to 80 shows!! The Museum Director, Judy Matteson will share an update on our museum and there are opportunities to hear the WAC Combo, attend the traditional memorial and plaque dedication services, and much more!

See the Reunion insert (page 14) for more information!



Connie Stevens, well known actress and USO show veteran, is the guest speaker at the Women-in-Service Banquet, scheduled for Saturday, May 19th

Photo from http://www.elvis.com.au/presley/interview_connie_stevens.shtml

Ms. Stevens is a dynamic speaker noted for her long term support of all veterans. She produced and directed **A Healing**, a feature film documentary dedicated to the women who served in Vietnam. Ms. Stevens toured with Bob Hope and has visited bases all over the world. She has been honored by the

Vietnam Veterans Association and is a recipient of the Armed Forces Distinguished Civilian Service award.

Special show rates available for women veterans! The cost of most shows ranges from \$20 - \$25.00. To see activities in the area take a look at the Branson Insider's Guide, <http://bransoninsidersguide.com>, or call the Branson Chamber of Commerce at 417-334-4136 and ask them to send you a copy. You can select the shows you want and purchase your tickets after you arrive in Branson.

The hospitality room will be open for registration, information, and as a gathering place. A few of the many additional activities available in Branson include the incredible New Shanghai Circus acrobats, a land and water tour in a WWII "DUKW" amphibious landing craft, the Veterans Memorial and Titanic Museums, or, you can shop at the Branson Outlet Center.

Please send your pre-registration form in! See page 14 for the clip and send form. This form greatly helps the Army Women's Foundation, the Reunion Committee, and the Branson Women Veterans Committee plan for our Reunion.

This is not a financial obligation on your part, but it lets us know how many people plan to attend. www.bransonwomenveterans.com.

For updates and more reunion information check the Foundation web site: www.awfdn.org/pages/reunion.html.

President's Message

Dear Friends of the Foundation:

This has been a great year for the U.S. Army Women's Foundation! Thanks to you, our supporters, and to our Board of Directors, we accomplished an amazing amount in 2006.

2006 was also a very sad year, with the death in November of one of our serving Directors, **Col. (Ret.) Patricia L. (Pat) Accountius** of San Antonio, Tex. Pat was a very active director and a fantastic representative of the Army Medical Department. Read more about Pat later in this newsletter. She is sorely missed.

The Foundation continues to provide vital support to the U.S. Army Women's Museum. During the past year we funded two part time employees—**Doug Carroll**, who imaged museum artifacts to aid in data base development, and **Trinia Braughton**, who has many accomplishments featured in the Director's Corner article. To assess our long term goal of expanding the museum we funded a construction feasibility study which will be completed in early 2007. This study will provide recommendations for preliminary design of a new wing as well as cost considerations for the expansion.

Additionally, the Foundation has funded museum conservation efforts and purchased items such as the manikins for the new Global War on Terrorism exhibit.

Take a look at the Museum "Wish List" on page 8 to help with specific needs.



Board members are joined by Museum Director Judy Matteson (standing left) and Advisory Board member Dee McWilliams (standing far right). Seated: Pat Sigle, Gig Smith, Martha McBroom, Cathy Aleshire, and Pat Jernigan. Standing, Matteson, Sue Pierce, Vicki Merryman, Dayna Kuhar, Catherine Bander, Mary Spring, Petra Quinn and McWilliams. Roberta Dobbs is missing from the photo. Photo by Trinia Braughton.

The manikins, for example, were purchased with a specified donation.

We continue to raise the visibility of our Museum and Foundation through other activities. The recent release of the George Mason University study on the socio-economic impact of women's Army service helps raise awareness of Army women, the benefits of military service, and our museum. We launched a new website (www.awfdn.org), and established our Legacy Society and scholarship programs. We transferred the Foundation registration from Alabama to Virginia, closed the Alabama Corporation, and obtained Internal Revenue Service approval to operate as an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

Our annual meeting in October (photo above) focused on Foundation priorities and set the course for 2007. We will continue Museum support, expand our Foundation supporter base, look at follow-on research with George Mason University, and build the "Tell Your Story" (oral history) and Legacy Society programs. I'm pleased to announce the

election of **Sue Pierce** as Foundation first vice president. Sue has been on the board for five years, is a retired Army Reserve command sergeant major, and lives in Houston, Tex.

We send our thanks to recently departed directors **Catherine Bander, Martha McBroom, and Lorraine Rossi**. Catherine served for eight years, Martha for 23 years, and Lorraine for several terms over the course of 30 years.

Our reunion will take place in Branson, Mo. from May 17-20, 2007. We have many exciting activities planned and hope to see you there! See pages 1 and 14 in this newsletter for details or visit our website at www.awfdn.org, look under Events, and then Reunion.

How can you help? Continue your support! No matter how small your donation, each one is needed and greatly appreciated. You can also help by telling your family and friends about our Foundation and our Museum. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, contact us via the website or call the Foundation office at (804) 734-3078.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2007! I am excited about Foundation activities and look forward to another great year of moving forward.

Patricia A. Sigle

President,
U.S. Army Women's Foundation

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Foundation Programs

by Peggy Trossen, Director of Fund Development

We've come a long way! 2006 has been a banner year for expanding Foundation programs. "Honoring Service and Sacrifice" remains the theme for all Foundation programs. And we have realized significant impact. Here are some of the highlights:

We have a new web site:

www.awfdn.org.

Launched in September the site is constantly being updated and improved. It's the result of more than a year of work. Take a look and see how far we've come. The website will be updated frequently so that you can be informed about Foundation activities on a more timely basis. The website reflects our programs and supports our vision.

In October we released our groundbreaking research study developed in partnership with the George Mason University School of Public Policy. ***"Telling the Story of U.S. Army Women: Opportunities, Challenges and Benefits of Service"*** examines the socio-

economic impact of service in the Army for women. Before our initiative, there had been no effort to analyze or document the economic consequences of service.

The report has been well received and garnered publicity from sources including radio, television, and print interviews. Dr. Stephen Fuller of George Mason University was interviewed on the radio, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Dee McWilliams was interviewed on TV, and articles appeared in numerous newspapers. Every member of Congress was sent an Executive Summary of the study.

You can see the entire report on line at:

www.awfdn.org/pages/research/html.

The Foundation's **"Tell Your Story"** program (see page 7) is compiling video and audio interviews with current and former soldiers to document the histories of women veterans from World War II to today. We are expanding this program and making it more broadly available through the technology of the Internet.

Check out our website for more information, and please, tell us your story! Go to www.awfdn.org/pages/story.html.

The Foundation's long-held dream of expanding the U.S. Army Women's Museum at Fort Lee is now becoming a reality as we embark on a capital expansion campaign.

The Museum has outgrown its current space for programs, artifacts, archives, and collection processing. A feasibility study by Bowie Gridley Architects, an experienced firm, is nearing completion and we will have a better idea about expansion options, costs and timelines. Stay tuned.

Foundation programs help to carry out our mission and vision and spread the word about service in the U.S. Army. The Museum at Fort Lee remains our centerpiece, but now we have many ways to let the country know about Army women.

Advisory Board

The Army Women's Foundation has established an advisory board to provide advice and counsel to the Board of Directors in accordance with the bylaws approved in late 2005.

Advisory Board members are senior individuals with high level leadership experience who have served or are currently serving in the military, or who hold executive government or corporate positions, and have extensive experience in areas pertinent to the Foundation's mission. Areas for advice include strategic and succession planning and critical personnel and skill requirements. The advisors also examine high-level operational matters to increase the professionalization of the Foundation.

The first two members of the advisory board are **Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Dee Ann McWilliams** and **Brig Gen. (Ret.) Evelyn (Pat) Foote**. They are evaluating board and advisory committee composition to identify skills needed for board members. Some specific areas for consideration are legal, marketing, automation, financial and current military expertise.

Advisory boards are a proven asset to nonprofits and enhance both operational and planning efforts by augmenting the board with senior level experience and expertise.

A note of thanks

Special thanks to our guest newsletter editor **Esther Katzman**! We hope to have our new permanent editor in place for the next edition!

Director Emeritus Named

The Foundation is pleased to announce that **Col. (Ret.) Shirley J. Heinz** has accepted the position of director emeritus joining Generals Clarke, Hoisington and Bailey, and Colonels Heseman, Hill, and Love, Maj. Pennington, and sergeants major Johnston, Lee, Mueller and Nelson.

The emeriti program was initiated in 2006 to recognize outstanding former members of the Board of Directors. It has recently been expanded to permit recognition of women (or men) who have given exceptional service and support to the U.S. Army Women's Foundation and the U.S. Army Women's Museum as honorary directors emeritus.

Promotion!



In October 2006 **Joyce L. Stevens** was promoted to brigadier general and became the first woman in Texas history to hold that rank with the Texas National Guard.

She is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, where she commanded the 111th Area Support Group, Bagram, Afghanistan from December 2004 until March 2006.

Stevens, a Montana native, resides in Tomball, Tex. Her advice: "Seek the hard jobs" that will make you successful in your specialty -- "that is the road to success." [Cindy Weigand, author of *Texas Women in World War II* and the staff of the Texas National Guard Public Affairs Office contributed to this article. Quotes are from *The Dispatch*, newsletter of Texas Military Forces, Nov. 2006. Photo courtesy of the Texas National Guard.]

Aviator Awarded CAB Combat Action Badge

In April 1993 Secretary of Defense Les Aspin ended Army policies barring women from combat aviation.

Chief Warrant Officer Cathy Jarrell was one of the first three women to qualify as an attack helicopter pilot when she graduated from the AH-64 Apache Qualification Course in July 1993. Jarrell is from North Carolina and is a graduate of East Carolina University. She deployed to Kuwait with

the 3rd Infantry Division in January 2003, and flew into Iraq on March 20th when the war started. Her unit was assigned missions to destroy enemy observation posts and provide over-watch and security in the Battle of Tallil, Iraq. When artillery fire failed to destroy an observation post (OP), she and her co-pilot fired rockets and missiles to destroy the OP. Jarrell noted that she had exceptional leaders and that everyone in her unit was well trained.

She was awarded the Combat Action Badge (CAB) in 2006 for the action on March 20, 2003. Jarrell reported that living conditions in Iraq were austere—they slept in sleeping bags underneath their aircraft, ate MREs (meals ready to eat, freeze-dried rations), drank bottled water, and bathing was from a bucket.

Asked what advice she would give young people looking at an Army career, she wrote: "The Army has so many opportunities; I love flying and the Army. Reach for [your] dreams and keep a positive attitude."



Jarrell is currently assigned to Korea. Her husband, Van (an Army major) and daughter, Megan, live in Seoul (photo above shows the Jarrell family; courtesy of CWO Jarrell). Thanks to CWO Jarrell for contributing her story.



The CAB (pictured above) was authorized in May 2005 to recognize soldiers who personally engage or are engaged by the enemy (Army photo).

Ordnance Hall of Fame

Ms. Claire Brisebois Starnes was inducted into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame at the Ordnance Museum, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. on May 12, 2006. Starnes was recognized for her work as the Editor of the *Ordnance Magazine*, and cited as a role model for others publishing Army magazines. Claire's late husband **Ed Starnes** was also inducted; they are the first husband-wife team to receive this honor.

There are 310 members of the Hall of Fame, eight are women. Another foundation supporter, **Lt. Col. (Ret.) Luta ("Cornie") McGrath**, was the first woman to be inducted in 1985.

Claire was born in Maine and served in the Army for almost 10 years. Her assignments included posts in the U.S., Japan, and Vietnam.

She married her husband Ed when both were assigned to Fort Monroe, Va. After leaving the service she began a career as a civilian public affairs officer. Claire was the co-founder of Vietnam Women Veterans (VWV), Inc. and is active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.



Photo (above) shows the Hall of Fame presentation. From left: Gen.

(Ret.) John Coburn, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment; Starnes; and Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, Chief of Ordnance (Army photo by Ralph Broth). Photo (above, left) shows then Sgt. Starnes in Vietnam with the WAC Detachment dog, "Otto B" (courtesy VWV). [Precilla Landry Wilkewitz, co-founder, VWV, and Steve Reimer, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, contributed to this article.]

News from the Director

A Great Year!

By Judy Matteson, Director, U.S. Army Women's Museum

We've accomplished a lot in 2006 with many activities continuing into the New Year.

February 3, 2007 is the dedication of the new Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Gallery featuring an exhibit on **Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester** with her squad leader, **S. Sgt. Timothy Nein**. Both sergeants received the Silver Star Medal for their heroism on March 20, 2005.

Hester is the first woman to receive the medal since World War II, and the first woman ever to receive the Silver Star for action in combat.

Nein and Hester were escorting a convoy when a group of well armed insurgents attacked. After one of the escort vehicles was hit by rocket fire, Nein and Hester charged the enemy position on foot. They captured insurgents, doing what was necessary to defend and save the convoy from further attack.

The photo (above right) shows the exhibit tableau; an interactive kiosk is incorporated to attract both casual and the avid museum visitors with the detailed information they desire. Interactive media, used thoughtfully, enhances the learning experience as well as entertains. The exhibit furthers the educational mission, serves as a case study in leadership, and sets a new museum standard.

The life-size models, (purchased with Foundation funds) are crafted to resemble Nein and Hester. The front half of the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) has been installed; the walls have been built; and the mural is finished. Thanks to **Pat Fisher**, Exhibit Specialist for the Quartermaster Museum, and **Barbara Taylor**, Fort George G. Meade Museum (Md.) Exhibit Specialist. Pat helped with



S. Sgt. Nein (left) and Sgt. Hester depicted in front of their HMMWV in the tableau as the exhibit is readied for dedication on February 3rd. (Photo by Pat Jernigan)

construction of the exhibit and Barbara completed the mural.

New Army Women's Museum
web site [http://](http://www.awm.lee.army.mil/)
www.awm.lee.army.mil/

We are continually adding to the site as new programs and information are reviewed and approved. The **Charlotte McGraw** photograph collection is scheduled to be our first archival presentation on the site (read about Capt. McGraw and her World War II activities in the Summer 2006 *Flagpole*).

Another idea we're exploring is "podcasting," a feature that allows you to download audio files about exhibits, artifacts, collections, or oral histories. The website will also be a conduit for programs between the museum and schools through e-learning.

A "sew-in" was hosted for the nonprofit Marine Corps Comfort Quilt Project on November 4, 2006. The mission of the project is to make a memorial quilt honoring each

military casualty, regardless of service, in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The quilt is made of 30 individual squares. Each square contains an inspirational message. The finished quilt is then given to the soldier's family.

This event was attended by over 200 people; 22 quilts were completed in one day!

We miss **Sfc. Kyla Alexander** who retired in November 2006, and **Trinia Braughton**, our part-time archivist (funded by the Foundation) who departed in January. Alexander was assigned to the Museum while processing for retirement. She reorganized the storage areas, assisted in re-housing the archives, and entered individual files into a searchable data base. She has returned to her home in Atlanta, Ga. to be near her family. Best of luck in retirement!

Braughton has made many contributions to our operations. In addition to working on the archives, she designed and built the new web



(ABOVE) Françoise Bonnell, the education specialist, has made a number of presentations to the teachers and supervisors at local schools. We are starting to see the fruits of those labors, with 360 children visiting the museum on school tours in the past two months and several more tours on the calendar for 2007. Françoise (far right) discusses museum artifacts and the Women's Museum with visiting schoolchildren. (Photo courtesy U.S. Army Women's Museum)

site. She will be missed! We wish her the very best as she and her family go to their new duty station in Vicenza, Italy. *Buona fortuna Trinia!*



Judy Matteson became the Director of the U.S. Army Women's Museum in November, 2003.

Sentimental Journey

When **Dona Coster Cruse** and her sister, **Rodney Coster**, visited the Army Women's Museum last June it was a sentimental journey. Their mother, **Ruth Pearce Coster**, was a WAC sergeant who served in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II.

One of the Museum's cherished artifacts is a hand-made WAC flag sewn by the New Guinea Wacs. The flag is an unusual item. It was sewn overnight in February 1945 to use in the military funeral for a detachment member, **Pfc. Edna McQuain**, who had drowned in a swimming accident. At the time the detachment didn't have a WAC flag, and didn't know the exact dimensions. The women were, however, skilled improvisers.

One of the soldiers had unusually good quality bed sheets; these provided the fabric for the flag. Silk cords from condemned parachutes were used as the fringe. The flag was dyed yellow using atribine anti-malaria tablets, notorious for turning a person's skin yellow. The green Pallas Athena in the center was dyed with India ink. In the tropics time was of the essence and the flag was completed in an all night sewing session. The detachment used the flag for the funeral and continued to use it both in New Guinea and when they were transferred to the Philippines. Sgt. Pearce returned to the States for

discharge in late 1945. In early 1946 the last members of the detachment returned to the States and presented the flag to WAC Director, **Col. Westry Battle Boyce**. It remained in the director's office for several years before it was donated to the WAC Museum.

Cruse donated copies of photos taken by her mother in New Guinea to the Museum. The photos included several showing the flag in the funeral procession. Cruse reported that her mother's wartime service had been one of the highlights of her life. Sadly Mrs. Coster died in 2005.



(ABOVE) Dona Cruse (left) and sister Rodney Coster (right) in front of the New Guinea WAC Detachment's flag preserved at the U.S. Army Women's Museum. (Photo by Pat Jernigan)

The Museum wish list is on page 8. Contributions large and small are welcome!

Soldier named "Military Idol"

Spc. Vicki Golding, a percussionist with the D.C. National Guard's band, was selected as the second Military Idol. Golding used the contrasting styles of Stevie Wonder and Barbra Streisand to win the singing contest November 5, 2006. (ARNews Service).

Foundation Development

by Peggy Trossen, Director of Fund Development

The Legacy Society has been launched and we are humbled and honored by the number of individuals who have now included the Foundation in their estate planning. We thank you. No gift is too small. Every gift can make a difference.

The *Legacy Society* is the cornerstone of the Foundation's planned giving program.

Planned giving allows one to make a bequest or gift to the Foundation as part of estate planning. The bequest or gift is committed now, but does not impact one's current assets. The planned gift comes to the Foundation at a future date, designated by the person giving. Enrolling in the *Legacy Society* can



have a tremendous impact on our Foundation's plans and goals and greatly enhance the reach of the Foundation in carrying out its mission.

It's easy to enroll. Just tell us that you are including the Foundation in your estate planning. As a member of the *Legacy Society*, please tell us how you would like

your gift to be used. Perhaps you would like to designate your gift towards expansion of the Museum at Fort Lee, or maybe you prefer your gift go towards the newly established Scholarship Program. The choice is yours!

A specially designed *Legacy Society* pin will soon be available and sent to you to wear. Your pin demonstrates your commitment and pride while "spreading the word" about the service and sacrifices of Army women and honoring them for all their work in the past, now, and in the future.

Together we can make a difference.
Together we can achieve the extraordinary.

For more information or to enroll now, **please contact Peggy Trossen at 703-356-4050 or via email at ptrossen@awfdn.org**

"Tell Your Story"

By Pat Jernigan

The "*Tell Your Story*" program has achieved several milestones in the past several months. The Foundation now has the capability to record our own oral histories thanks to video equipment purchased last summer. The new equipment was used for the first time at the WAC Convention in Killeen, Tex.

Helen Simar enlisted in the WAAC in early 1943. She volunteered for overseas duty and was sent by ship to India where she worked in the Southeast Asia Command Headquarters, first in New Delhi and later in Candy, Ceylon. Simar worked with Adm. Lord Lewis Mountbatten and Gen. Joseph Stilwell. Married after the war, she followed her husband through his army career including assignments in the U.S., Italy and Germany.

Lynnise Moore enlisted in 1975 to be a truck driver. Later a personnel specialist, she served at Forts Carson, Colo., Huachuca, Ariz., and Sill, Okla. She was also assigned in Germany and at NATO Headquarters in Belgium. Since retiring in 1997 she has lived in Sierra Vista, Ariz. where she is active in veterans' activities and serves as the president of her WAC veterans chapter.

Also interviewed were **Eva Espinosa** who served in the late 1950s (see a brief review of her book on page 8), **Vickie Reid Hajduk** who served over 30 years in the active Army and National Guard before retiring in 2006, and World War II veteran, **Mae Bertram**, who was a medical technician.

Two Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), **Bernice ("Bee") Haydu** and **Florence Shutsy-Reynolds** were interviewed last fall. Haydu graduated from WASP training in November 1944, only six weeks before the program ended. She has

written a book, *Letters Home*, published in 2005, recounting her experiences.

Reynolds reports that she wanted to fly from the time she was in elementary school and had her pilot's license before she finished high school. After completing WASP training she was assigned as an engineering test pilot. Both women remain active in aviation and veterans' organizations.



Reynolds shown following the interview.
Photo by Pat Jernigan.

Museum Recognized in *Washington Post* Article

by Peggy Trossen, Director of Fund Development

In a little-known museum tucked away on the grounds of an Army Post near Richmond, a memorial wall just inside the door quietly announces a profound change in the nation's fighting force."

Donna St. George, a *Washington Post* staff writer, visited the Museum and wrote a compelling article in the Sunday, December 31, 2006 edition of the *Post*.

St. George describes the Museum as a "solemn acknowledgement that women have quietly taken a place in the nation's procession of flag-draped coffins and military funerals." She adds, "It is a scenario that experts once predicted would lead to a public outcry against 'women in body bags.' Instead, the casualties appear to

have melded into the nation's experience of war."

The trip was arranged through a Foundation initiative. St. George saw the exhibit honoring the women soldiers who perished in Iraq and Afghanistan as she entered the Museum. As she states, "Visitors often linger at the display. Sometimes they talk about the soldiers' lives. Sometimes they leave in tears."

Ron Bingham, museum specialist, noted that the memorial is "an evolving tribute" expanding as information becomes available. Please share the article with your friends and family.

The Washington Post is a nationally recognized newspaper; this is the most significant recognition to date of the Museum and its role in preserving the history of women soldiers.



Books on Army Women

My Mother's Fort: A Photographic Tribute to Fort Des Moines, First Home of the Women's Army Corps, by Penelope A. Blake, BookSurge LLC, 2005 (ISBN: 1-4196-0817-7); \$29.95. This well-written and beautifully illustrated book chronicles Blake's mother's World War II Army service. It's a trip down memory lane and a valuable resource on WAAC/WAC training and Fort Des Moines. Carrie A. LeFew enlisted in the WAAC in September 1942 shortly after receiving notice that her husband was believed captured on Corregidor. Le-

Few served at Fort Des Moines throughout the war. Keep the Kleenex handy! Recommended reading!

Women in the Wild Blue, by David Stallman, Carlisle Printing, Sugarcreek, Ohio, 2006 (ISBN: 0-9708239-3-2), \$24.50. Stallman has compiled an impressive collection of photographs and stories from the women who served as World War II tow-target pilots at Camp Davis, N. C. as members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). Contact the author at stallmand@aol.com for further information.

Fearless Presence: The Story of Lt. Col. Nola Forrest, by Eleanor Stoddard, American Literary Press, Baltimore, Md., 2007 (ISBN: 1-56167-946-1), \$14.95. This book tells the fascinating story of the career of Nola Forest who was the senior nurse in the Southwest Pacific Area during World War II. It in-

A link to the full article is available on the Foundation website at www.awfdn.org. Click on "News" then on "News Articles."

Or go directly to

The Washington Post U.S. Deaths in Iraq Mark Increased Presence

More Killed in Action Than in Other Wars

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/12/30/AR2006123001033.html>

Museum Wish List!

Books include:

Women at War (\$15); *Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War* (\$25); *Flying Higher: Women Airforce Service Pilots* (\$25); *Transforming Practice* (\$35); *Women and Museums* (\$43); *Historic Photographs* (\$50).

Equipment includes:

Large format scanner (\$1,259), and Dymo Label Printer (\$255).

See the Director's article on page 6 — donations large and small are welcome and appreciated!

cludes numerous photos. Available through www.amazon.com

The Stars Fell on Alabama, by Eva Tirey, Publish America, Baltimore, Md., 2006 (ISBN: 1-4241-2345-3). Eva Gonzales, writing under her maiden name, tells about her WAC experiences in a fictionalized account. If you went through basic training or were assigned to the WAC Center at Fort McClellan you will identify with much in this book!

Taps for Fallen Comrades

Honoring the Army Women who died in Iraq and Afghanistan

Sgt. Wakkuna A. Jackson, 21, of Jacksonville, Fla. died with two other soldiers when an explosive device detonated near their vehicle in Konar, Afghanistan on Aug. 19, 2006. She was a medic assigned to the 710th Combat Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.



The photo, top left, shows was taken at the memorial service for Sgt. Jackson and a colleague in Afghanistan (Legacy.com); photo at right is Sgt. Jackson (News4jax.com).

Jackson joined the Army in 2004, and was noted for her passion for helping others. She wanted to be a pediatric surgeon. Her parents, Sherman and Teresita Jackson, two sisters, a half sister and five nephews survive. She was buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Jacksonville, Fla.

Pfc. Hannah L. Gunterman, 20, from Redlands, Calif., died on Sept. 4, 2006 in Taji, Iraq from injuries received when she was struck by a vehicle as she was leaving her guard post. She was a logistic specialist assigned to the 542nd Maintenance Company, 44th Corps Support Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash. She was



married just before deploying and is survived by her husband, Christopher McKinney, her son, Todd Gunterman, her parents, and siblings. She was buried with military honors. (Photo *Baltimore Sun*)

Sfc. Merideth L. Howard, 52, from Corpus Christi, Tex. was one of two killed on Sept. 8, 2006 in Kabul, Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV. Both soldiers were assigned to the Army Reserve's 405th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C. Howard was a graduate of Texas A&M University with both bachelor's and master's degrees in marine resource management. She joined the Bryan, Tex. fire department in 1978 as their first female firefighter; a few years later she moved to Alameda, Calif. where she was a fire protection specialist. Howard joined the Army Reserves in 1988 as a health care specialist. She is survived by her husband, Hugh Hvolboll. (Photo *Contra Costa Times*)



2nd Lt. Emily J.T. Perez, 23, from Fort Washington, Md. died on Sept. 12, 2006 of injuries sustained when an explosive device detonated near her HMMWV during combat operations in Al Kifl, Iraq. Perez was born in Heidelberg, Germany where her father was stationed; both her father and grandfather had served in the Army. She was a 2005 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned as a Medical Service Corps officer. At West Point she was a medal-winning athlete, the first black woman to serve as Corps of Cadets command sergeant major, and a serious student. Her track coach said that she typified the old Army saying "be all you can be." Her parents Daniel and Vicki Perez, a brother Kevyn, and a sister, Kim, survive. She was buried with full military honors at the U.S. Military Academy. Photos of Perez are at right.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marilyn L. Gabbard, Iowa National Guard, was killed in Iraq Jan. 20, 2007. Further information will be in the next *Flagpole*.

Sgt. Jennifer M. Hartman, 21, of New Ringgold, Pa. died Sept. 14, 2006 of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device went off near her barracks in West Baghdad. Hartman was a cook assigned to the 4th Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Tex.

She joined the Army in July 2003, and had been in Iraq since December 2005. She enjoyed driving all-terrain vehicles. She is survived by her parents, David and Bernice Hartman, a brother and sister, and grandparents. She was buried with military honors at the Holy Savior Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pa.



Photo (above) shows Hartman at Camp Falcon, Iraq in Apr. 2006 (Legacy.com).



Top photo, Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Perez with friends in the West Point Gospel Choir (front row, left), Nov. 2004 (Legacy.com). Bottom photo: Perez (right) with Capt. Denson taken at Forward Operating Base, Kalsu, Afghanistan (Legacy.com).



(continued from page 9) **1st Lt. Ashley L. (Henderson) Huff**, 23, from Belle Mead, N.J., died of injuries suffered in Mosul, Iraq on Sept. 19, 2006 when an explosive device detonated near her patrol. Huff was assigned to the 549th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga.



Huff attended the University of Georgia (UGA) on a ROTC scholarship and was commissioned in the Military Police Corps when she graduated in 2004. She was captain of the UGA cheerleading squad, enjoyed horseback riding, and was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

She married Brian Huff in August 2005 and deployed to Iraq in December. Huff is survived by her husband Brian and her parents, Mark and Janet Henderson. She was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Action Badge. She was buried with military honors in Oconee Hill Cemetery near the University of Georgia.



Top photo: Lt. Huff (University of Georgia). Bottom photo: Mr. Huff receives the flag at Lt. Huff's funeral (Online Athens).

Sgt. Denise A. Lannaman, 46, from Bayside, N.Y., died from a non-combat related incident at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait on Oct. 1, 2006. Lannaman was a mechanic assigned to the Army National Guard's 1569th Transportation Company, New York, N.Y.



Born in Kingston, Jamaica, she immigrated to the U.S. and spent several years in the Navy. After Sept. 11th she joined the Army National Guard. She served in Iraq before being assigned to Kuwait. She is survived by her mother, Barbara Lannaman and her sister, Michelle Forgenie. (Photo Queens Courier)

Staff Sgt. Sharron Elliott, 34, was born in Ipswich, England, and joined the British Army at 18. She started her career with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers as an aircraft technician, and recently

transferred to the Intelligence Corps. She was one of four United Kingdom service members killed on Nov. 12, 2006 in an attack on a boat patrol in the Shatt Al-Arab waterway. She is survived by her parents and many friends. (Photo MOD UK)

Staff Sgt. Jeannette T. Dunn, 44, from Bronx, N.Y. died in Taji, Iraq on Nov. 26, 2006 from a non-combat related injury. She was assigned to the 5th Support Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Tex. as a light wheeled vehicle mechanic. (No photo is available.)

Maj. Gloria D. Davis, 47, of St. Louis, Mo., died on Dec. 12, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq in a non-combat related incident. She was an 18-year Army veteran assigned to the Defense Security Assistance Agency, Washington, D.C. where she was a contracting and industrial management officer.

Davis is survived by her mother, Annie Washington, her daughter, Candace Thomas, a granddaughter, Kennedy, and a son Damien Thomas, who was a contractor in Kuwait. Davis was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. A memorial service was held later in her mother's home town, Portageville, Mo.



Top photo: preparations underway in Portageville, Mo. for Major Davis' memorial service. Below: Davis is shown in an undated photo. (Photos from the St. Louis Standard Democrat)

"Taps" is compiled by Pat Jernigan with assistance from 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. The Foundation includes the names of soldiers' who are killed or die as a result of their service in Iraq or Afghanistan on the U.S. Army Women's Foundation memorial plaque. Fifty-nine (59) Army women have now died as a result of their service in these two areas.

Bronze Memorial Plaque XIII

The names below are those submitted for the Army Women's Foundation memorial plaque program between Jan. 1, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2006. These names will be on the bronze memorial plaque to be dedicated in May 2007 at the Branson, Mo. reunion. Names received after Dec. 31, 2006 will be on the plaque to be dedicated at the May 2009 reunion. If you see an error please let the Foundation know as soon as possible. The Foundation phone number, address, and email are on page 12.

COL Patricia L. Accountius
 1LT Miriam Alex
 SP7 Anna L. Asmus
 SGT Ruby A. Bealmer
 T/4 Louise B. Bejma
 LTC Hedwig C. Belin
 SP2 Betty Lou Benner
 SGM Julia A. M. Bennett
 Yvonne Bernier
 COL Barbara J. Bishop, USMC
 Helen Bochner, WAC
 SFC Marilyn Bodenstedt
 SGT Rose C. Borszich
 LTC Hortense M. Boutell
 MSGT Ella Bradbury
 COL Elizabeth H. Branch
 Ruby V. Braun, WAAC
 Carole Brigham
 CPL Alice E. Brown
 SGT Millicent Buckner
 SGT Vonnie D. Buczek
 CPL Rose Cahall
 SSG Dorris S. Carel
 T/4 Susan M. Cohea
 Mary Nita Collins
 T/SGT Ida M. Comys
 SGT Ruth P. Coster
 SGT Ester Couter
 Clemon Crawford
 MAJ Lillian C. Crowley
 Mae Cunningham
 T/5 Allie Lee Dameron
 Majorie F. Day
 SFC Patsy J. Deckard
 MSG Irene DeFabio
 SFC Florence Del Rosso
 T/5 Edward T. DePue
 T/5 Betty J. Dickie
 SGT Dorothy Dicks
 SP7 Flora B. Dreier
 CSM Elizabeth Drexler
 PFC Louise A. Drumm
 SGT Edna M. Dryden
 SGT Charlotte Dudek
 COL Mary Ellen Edwards
 LTC Virginia Porter Elia
 Gloria Stanfield Farghar, WAC
 LTC William J. Fedeli
 Phyllis T. "Toby" Felker, WASP
 SPC Kirsten Fike
 SGT Ethel F. Fillion
 SSG Carolyn Ford

MSG Pamela K. Fox
 MG Kathryn G. Frost
 LaJean Fyfe, WWII
 SGT Nettie V. Gagner
 T/SGT Helen S. Gallogly
 SFC Shirlee J. Gardinier
 SP5 Earlene Garner
 SSG Ruth Gauger
 Vivian A. Ginsky, WAC
 COL Emily C. Gorman
 T/4 Marguerite W. Gough
 RM2 Elizabeth Grab, USN
 SGT Frances K. Graham
 PVT Gladys E. Grimm Graham
 MAJ Elna H. Grahm
 Helen R. Green
 Ernestine Gregware, WAC
 LTC Dorothy Grey
 Arlene Hall
 PFC Lucille N. Hall
 COL Mary A. Hallaran
 1LT Wilma H. Hampton
 Nellie P. Harris, WAC
 T/5 Mary Fundebok Hart
 SGT Estella K. Bloemer Hastings
 SFC Linda W. Haynie
 SP5 Carol J. Heard
 PFC Evelyn Henderson
 MSG Evelyn H. Hine
 T/4 Melba Miller Holbrook
 SGT Lillian Holub
 COL Beverly A. Hoot
 1LT Genevieve Ill
 Dorothy Janak
 MSG Mary H. Johnson
 Florence Kappesser
 COL Marie Kehrer
 Roberta M. Kincaid, WAC
 Gloria King
 T/SGT Polly Kitchen
 T/5 Ileene Klepfer
 DeAnn Kondraki, USN
 Jeane M. Kramer
 LTC Ruth Kuhl
 LTC Ruby R. Lassiter
 PFC Janis L. Leonard
 SFC Irene Lewis
 Gene Lloyd
 CPL Joyce M. Long
 CPL Irma Manke
 MSGT Ulabelle Mason, USAF
 SGT Pearlie Hargrave McKeogh

Marian R. McNaughton
 Beatrice B. Metrick
 Dorothy T. Miller
 Edna Minsky, WAC
 SFC Elsie R. Missar
 SGT Estelle Dawsey Mohr
 Peggy Mowrey
 Lillian Mulligan
 Brigadier Eileen Nolan, RWAC
 SGT Rosemary Nunn
 MSG Vivian A. O'Rourke
 Frances Oberlander
 SFC Genean Orgill
 SSG Florence Pak
 CPL Clela J. Parker
 SP5 Leslea S. Pidgeon
 Olive F. Pollock
 2LT Bertha C. Potts
 Anna Presnell
 Rose Prince
 Alice Mae Przystraz
 LTC Frances E. Pugh
 SGT Mary P. Puskar
 Loretta J. Quinn
 SSG Marie E. Ramsey
 MAJ E. Jane Reed
 Irene H. Reitz, WAC
 Carolyn M. Reuter, USMC
 MSG Edna Rich
 CPL Margaret B. Rogers
 Anita Rose
 Mrs. Geraldine Roth
 1SG Ethel E. Rowe
 MSG Delia R. Ruckman
 T/4 Lillian M. Sanders
 MAJ Virginia M. Schmidt
 1LT Zola M. Schumacher
 MSG Donna J. Sessions
 CPL Catherine L. Settle
 Ann Shepherd
 LTC Dorothy Sherba
 T/4 Ruth Lillian Shotts
 SGT Mary A. Silvis
 COL Ruth L. Simmons
 1LT Sylvia Singer
 T/5 Clementine Skinner
 PFC Gertrude Smith
 LTC Hazel I. Snowden
 MSG Samuel H. Solloway
 Bertha M. Solomon, WWII
 Olga (Mickey) Starks
 Margaret Leach Stoddard, WAC
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LTC Catherine Strong

Helen Taylor

SP7 Jean N. Taylor

Edith Thrun, WAC

T/4 Frances Todd

SFC Lavon W. Todd

LTC Dorothy Van Wagoner

SSG Virginia L. S. Vance

T/5 Frances M. Victor

LTC Mona L. Voinche

SGT Doris E. Voss

CPL Arline H. Wall

CPL Jane Whisler

COL Edith Whitelow

Olive M. Wicker, USA

Alice Wilson, USA

SGT Pearl L. Windham

Elnora Young

Fallen Heroes Pentagon 9/11/2001

SPC Chin Sun Pak

SGT Tamara Thurman

LTC Karen J. Wagner

SSG Maudlyn A. White

Fallen Heroes of Operations Iraqi & Enduring Freedom

SGT Julia Velinda Atkins

1LT Debra Anne Banaszak

SGM Barbaralien Banks

SPC Katrina Lani Bell-Johnson

1LT Jaime Lynn Campbell

MAJ Gloria D. Davis

PFC Amy Alisha Duerksen

SSG Jeannette T. Dunn

CPL Carrie Lee French

SPC Toccara Renee Green

PFC Hannah Leah Gunterman

SGT Jennifer Marie Hartman

SGT Jessica Marie Housby

SFC Merideth Leigh Howard

1LT Ashley Lane Henderson Huff

PFC Sam Williams Huff

SGT Wakkuna Almira Jackson

SFC Tricia Lynn Jameson

PFC Lavena Lynn Johnson

SGT Denise Adelle Lannaman

SGT Myla Lumayag Maravillosa

2LT Emily Jazmin Tatum Perez

SGT Amanda Nicole Pinson

PFC Tina Marie Priest

SPC Aleina Ramirez-Gonzalez

SGT Regina Christina Reali

SGT Lizbeth Robles

SPC Adriana Nicole Salem

SPC Chrystal Gaye Stout

1LT Laura Margaret Walker

WAC Band Concert

By Karen Syverson

Former members of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) Band recently held their second bi-annual reunion at Fort McClellan, Ala. Friends and WAC veterans came from all over to attend. Highlights of the weekend included a mixer and a band concert. The concert took place at the WAC Chapel on Friday evening, October 13th with 36 former band members ranging in age from 50 to 78 participating. An honor guard from the WAC Veterans' Association Heritage Chapter 62 presented the colors to open the event.

The concert theme was "*Sentimental Journey*" and began with the band filing onstage in the order in which they served. They were greeted with a standing ovation. Pieces played varied from the humorous "*Instant Concert*," composed of over 32 different songs, none lasting more than a second or two, to a piece called "*December 7, 1942*" with narration to honor all who have served our country.

Conductors for the concert were **CW5 (U.S. Army) Jeanne Y. Pace and M. Sgt. (Ret.) Bernice ("Goldie") R. Goldstein.** One appreciative attendee reported "it was super!"



Judy Bigham and Teddi Hamlett play at the pre-concert mixer at the Victoria Country Inn in Anniston (photo courtesy Pat Langton).

The concert was professionally recorded and will be available at a later date for purchase. For information go to www.wac.dxaudio.com.

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Congratulations to former POW

Jessica Lynch on the birth of a daughter, **Dakota Ann Robinson**, born in Parkersburg, W. Va. on Jan. 19, 2007. Lynch is a sophomore at West Virginia University in Parkersburg. Dakota was named in honor of Spc. Lori Piestewa, Lynch's former roommate, the first woman killed in Iraq on March 23, 2003.

Milestones

In Memory of...

Major General (Ret.) Kathryn Frost

Retired Maj. Gen. Kathryn ("Kathy") George Frost, 57, from Latta, S. Car. died Aug. 18, 2006 after a four year battle with breast cancer. Frost



Gen. Frost shown as AAFES commander (photo courtesy AAFES).

graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in library science. She joined the Army in 1974, graduating from the Women's Army Corps (WAC) Basic Course at Fort McClellan, Ala. before joining the Adjutant General (AG) Corps. In addition to WAC and AG courses, her military schooling included the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Ks. and the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Her assignments took her to Germany, Forts Benning and McPherson, Ga. and to the Washington D.C. area.

She commanded the Eastern Sector, Military Entrance Processing Command, Great Lakes, Ill. and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Dallas, Tex. She married then-Congressman Martin Frost (D-Dallas) in 1998. In a speech, given on Women's Equality Day in 2001, Frost talked about the World War II WAC veterans: "These women are very special. They did not join the Army for a career; women in the 1940s did not have careers. They weren't paid the same, they had separate promotions and the rules were different. They sent a loud message to America....Women and men fought hard for the equality we enjoy. We owe it to future generations to perpetuate the opportunity by our daily demonstration of courage, confidence and commitment."

Frost was the Army's Adjutant General on Sept. 11, 2001 when the Pentagon was attacked. Her boss, Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, and several of her subordinates were among those killed. General Frost is survived by her husband, sister, Gwen Strickland, and three stepdaughters. She was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Colonel (Ret.) Patricia L. Accountius

Col. Accountius, an Ohio native, died Nov. 7, 2006 in San Antonio, Tex. after an eight month battle with lung cancer. She was 75. She was a serving member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Accountius was a graduate of Miami University of Ohio and commissioned in 1952 as a second lieutenant in the Women's Medical



Accountius inspects meal preparation in a hospital in Vietnam (photo courtesy AMEDD Museum).

Specialist Corps (changed in 1957 to the Army Medical Specialist Corps). She completed the Dietetic Intern Program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and served in hospital and staff positions in the U.S. and overseas.

In 1966 she was the first Army dietician assigned to Vietnam where she did ground-breaking work establishing the hospital food service program. She served as chief, dietitian section in both the Office of the Surgeon General and in the Health Services Command in San Antonio. After retirement she continued to work as a dietitian. She was a member of numerous professional and military organizations including the Texas

State and American Dietetic Associations, the American Legion, the Women's Overseas Service League, the Kiwanis Club and WAC Veterans Association Heritage Chapter 62. She was an energetic, indefatigable, and dynamic lady with a tremendous capacity to serve; she is missed by this Foundation and her legions of friends. She was buried with military honors at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. She is survived by her sister Barbara Wies and brother Gaylord Accountius.

Colonel (Ret.) Marie Kehrer

Col. Kehrer, who was a 30 year member of the Board of Directors of the WAC and Army Women's Museum Foundations, died Sept. 15th in Florida at the age of 90. She was born in Sioux Falls, S.D. and joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in July 1942. During WW II she served as an instructor at Forts Des Moines, Iowa and Oglethorpe, Ga. During the Korean War she served in Japan as an intelligence officer.

In 1962 she was the WAC Staff Adviser for U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. She also served several



Kehrer shown while assigned to U.S. Army, Europe (courtesy USAWM).

tours at Fort McClellan, Ala. including one as assistant commandant of the WAC School. She was in the first group of women officers selected for promotion to colonel when restrictions on grade ended in 1967. She was the deputy director, WAC when Brig. Gen. Elizabeth Hoisington was the director. Her brother, Dick Kehrer, survives.

Reunion Information May 2007

Getting There: Airlines: The closest airport is Springfield, Mo., airport code SGF. Springfield is about 45 miles from Branson. There are 85 flights daily. Other airports in a 2-4 hour's drive include Little Rock, Ark., and St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.

Airport Shuttle to Branson: Jerry's Shuttle Service can be reached at 417 - 334-5678. By making a reservation in advance Jerry will make every effort to put you in a group of 3 or more passengers. Shuttle costs are: 1 person \$70; 2 people \$45 each; 3 or more \$35 each. Rental cars are also available at all airports.

Greyhound Bus: For reservations and schedule call 800-872-7245. Check out discount programs for further savings. Visit their website at www.greyhound.com.

Hotels: - The Army Women's Reunion has made arrangements for group rates with two Branson hotels. The Settle Inn Resort is the host hotel for the Branson Women Veterans Week. The Inn has three buildings connected by indoor corridors. Handicap accessible rooms are available. Rooms include TV, coffee pot, hair dryer, iron and ironing board and complimentary continental breakfast. Daily rates,

excluding tax, range from \$49.00 for a standard room to \$115 for a family suite. There is a \$10.00 pet fee. For more information on the Settle Inn, go to their website at www.BransonSettleInn.com. The number to call for reservations is 1-800-677-6906; tell them you are with the Army Women's Reunion; the address is 3050 Green Mountain Drive, Branson, Mo. 65616

Lodge of the Ozarks: A limited number of rooms are available for Army Women Veterans at the Lodge of the Ozarks. The Lodge is a multi-story building on the main thoroughfare. Handicap rooms are available. A continental breakfast is included. Daily rates are \$69.00 (excluding tax).

The Lodge of the Ozarks website is <http://www.lodgeoftheozarks.com>. Make your reservations by calling 1-800-213-2584 and tell them you are with the Army Women's Reunion. Their address is 3431 W. Hwy 76, Branson, Mo. 65616.

Camping/RV Parks: There are numerous camping and RV parks both in and around the area surrounding Branson. A complete listing is available at www.bransonchamber.com. The Branson Chamber of Commerce

417-334-4136 can suggest some facilities based upon your specific needs.

Getting Around Branson

Jerry's Shuttle 417-334-5678 provides taxi service in Branson and the surrounding area.

Oral History Interviews

Many histories are written about units and major events, but personal experiences are often lost. We will be conducting oral history interviews during the reunion period. Every woman's story is important -- if you are interested in sharing the story of your military experiences and how your life has been affected please contact us! Call Pat Jernigan at 703-690-6941 or email patslist@earthlink.net to get a brief pre-interview questionnaire.

Questions? Send your questions to Reunion@awfdn.org, or call Vicki

Reminder: You must make your own hotel reservations!!!

Look for updates and additional information on schedules and events on line at www.awfdn.org under Events.

Army Women's Reunion PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (clip and send)

I plan to attend the May 2007 Army Women's Reunion in Branson, Mo. beginning May 17th. Please send me final event schedule and pricing when available. (Come early for Branson's salute to women veterans beginning May 14th).

Thursday ___ Afternoon: Titanic Museum event; ___ Evening Reception

Friday ___ Morning Guided Motor coach Tour; ___ Meet and Greet Reception in the hospitality Room at Settle Inn; ___ Branson Brother Show with Doug Gabriel

Saturday ___ Dalena Ditto Country Variety Show; ___ Cocktail Reception & Banquet dinner (with Connie Stevens)

Sunday ___ First Ladies Brunch

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Individuals or organizations may establish a memorial fund for a specific person to be completed within a 2-year period. Names of deceased individuals are placed on a bronze plaque for a minimum donation of \$100. The period for the next plaque includes Jan. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2008.

***Name and address of person or next of kin to be notified of your Friend's gift or memorial donation:**_____
Title Last Name MI First Name_____
Address City State Zip code

Phone : (____) _____ Email: _____

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The Legacy Society is the cornerstone of the Foundation's **Planned Giving** program.
(See article on page 10)

Patriot Chapel Fire



We are sorry to report that the Patriot Chapel at Fort Lee, Va. burned to the ground on Wednesday, September 27, 2006. The building, in use since 1942 was the WAC Chapel when the Women's Army Corps Training Center was at Fort Lee. The fire was reported about 11:15 a.m. and although fire crews responded within minutes the chapel could not be saved. A cause has not been announced. (Photo by Pat Jernigan)