



THE
U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
11th ANNUAL HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION & SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS CEREMONY

March 7, 2019

The Russell Senate Building | Kennedy Caucus Room
Washington, District of Columbia



U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Honoring ~ Empowering ~ Connecting

Since 1969, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation has been the premier volunteer organization for today's Army women and veterans, a strong partner for their continued success, and a dynamic advocate for telling their stories.

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The mission of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation is to promote public interest in the Army and recognize and honor the invaluable service of Army women through various programs, research, scholarships, and grants.

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The Army Women's Foundation and our partners honor the service and sacrifice of the women who volunteer to serve our country through the U.S. Army. Together, we preserve our women soldiers' place in military history, and help them achieve success in the Army and after their service. Their commitment to us is essential to fulfilling the Army Women's Foundation mission.

We are very grateful for their generous support.

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EVENING PROGRAM

The Kennedy Caucus Room

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

BG Anne Macdonald, USA Ret.

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KEYNOTE

Congressmen Chris Stewart

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LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Host: COL Alice Demarais, USA Ret.

Scholarship Committee Chair, U.S. Army Women's Foundation

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Host: CSM Cindy Pritchett, USA Ret.

Hall of Fame Committee Chair, U.S. Army Women's Foundation

CLOSING REMARKS

BG Anne Macdonald, USA Ret.

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LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program provides grants to active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Army women (past and present) and their lineal descendants (both male and female) to help them attain their educational goals. Scholarship recipients are selected based on merit, academic potential, community service, letters of recommendation, and financial need. For the past 11 years, the program has impacted the future of over 200 recipients from 41 states and territories, valuing over \$400,000 - supporting not only those in 4-year college programs, but also certificate, community college, and graduate programs. This year, we have selected 23 Army women and 7 children of Army women to receive scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Trident University, 4 Year Scholarship Recipient

As part of our Legacy Scholarship Program, the Trident University Scholarship provides, annually, two full-ride scholarships to women soldiers, past and present, and their lineal descendants to help them attain their educational goals. The Army Women's Foundation is proud to announce our first recipient of a four year, full-ride scholarship for a student pursuing a bachelor's degree.

SPC Ilaria Leslie

"I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Trident Scholarship. To invest in my future education shows amazing generosity and humanity. Please accept my sincerest thanks for this great opportunity."

Army Women Scholarship Recipients, 4-Year College

SPC Simran Ayer, NJ

New Jersey City University
Biology
Prudential

Rachel Gruber, NC

Fayetteville State University
Nursing
Prudential

SPC Briana Rodriguez, TX

University of Saint Thomas
Biology
Prudential

Elizabeth Giles, CO

University of CO Colorado Springs
History
Prudential

CPT Haley Hamilton, CO

University of Colorado
Denver Anschutz
Nursing
KBRwyle

Nichole Smith, WY

University of Nebraska Medical Center
Nursing
Dita H. Kinney Scholarship

SGT Alexis Glover, TX

University Texas San Antonio
Public Health Epidemiology &
Disease Control
KBRwyle

SFC Hilary Minkler, WA

American Military University
American History
Oveta Culp Hobby Scholarship

Certificate Studies

Stephanie Willis, IL

Lewis and Clark
Community College
Dental Hygiene



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Army Women Scholarship Recipients Graduate Studies

SGT Courtney Calbert, OK
Oklahoma City University
Doctor of Nursing
PenFed Credit Union

Kimberly Jung, MA
MIT
Mechanical Engineering
ITAC - Future Innovators Scholarship

SPC Krista Shultz, OR
Southern Oregon University
Master of Outdoor Adventure
& Expedition Leadership
UMUC

CPT Giovanna Camacho, CO
Ross University
Medical School
Prudential

1LT Kristen Long, MD
Divine Mercy University
Psychology
Prudential

Marilyn Webb, AR
University of Arkansas Little Rock
Social Work
PenFed Credit Union

1LT Carrie Comley, AZ
Arizona State University
MA Global Management
CALIBRE Systems

CPT Hailey Myren, MN
University of Minnesota
Veterinary Medicine
PenFed Credit Union

SGT Andrea Weeks, AL
Liberty University
Business Administration
KBRwyle

Christina DiMattia, KS
University of Kansas
Social Welfare
PenFed Credit Union

SGT Jennifer Oxley, OH
American Public University System
MA Business Administration
KBRwyle

SSG Holly Westad, CO
Colorado State University
MA of Natural Science in Education
Walmart

SSG Megan Francisco, MO
Grantham University
Performance Improvement
KBRwyle

SPC Megan Palm, OH
American Military University
Master of Arts in Homeland Security
Pritzker Military Foundation

Children of Army Women Legacy Scholarship Recipients, 4-Year College

James Campbell, PA
University of Akron
Aerospace Systems Engineering
PenFed Credit Union

Micaela Mersch, TX
Simpson College
Business Management
Walmart

Shannon Sullivan, TX
The University of Texas at Austin
Nutrition
KBRwyle

Janeise Davis, IL
Lewis University
Computer Science
Pritzker Military Foundation

Theresa Mulvey, NY
The College of Saint Rose
Childhood & Special Education
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Children of Army Women Legacy Scholarship Recipients, Graduate Studies

Esme Middaugh, IN
Indiana University
Data Science
PenFed Credit Union

Julia Stoker, TX
East Carolina University
Physical Therapy
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2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

CONTINUING THE MISSION TO SERVE

The Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame Awards are presented to women who have contributed extraordinary service to the Army or the Armed Forces and any individual who has made exceptional contributions to women in the Army or the Armed Forces.



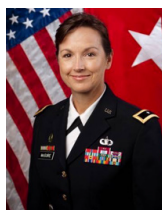
BG (Ret) Clara Adams-Ender was asked to remain on active duty following her tour as the Army Nurse Corps Chief - a first in the Army - and she became the first Army Nurse in history to command as a general

officer when she assumed command of Fort Belvoir, as well as becoming the Deputy Commanding General of the Military District of Washington.



CW5 Sharon Swartworth (Posthumously) was the first woman in the active army to achieve the rank of CW5 and the first woman to serve as the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) Regimental Chief

Warrant Officer. CW5 Swartworth was killed in action when a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter was shot down in Tikrit, Iraq on November 7, 2003.



BG (Ret) Colleen L. McGuire was the first woman provost marshal general of the Army and U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command. BG McGuire was the 10th commander of CID since it was first established as a

major command Sept. 17, 1971, and the 13th provost marshal general of the Army since 1941.



MAJ Helen Loretta Holmes (Posthumously) was sworn in to the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on 9 July 1942, making her the first WAAC from Oklahoma. As Public Relations Officer of WAAC, she was

responsible for WAAC and WAC publicity in Washington, DC in 1943.



CSM (Ret) Billie Jo Boersma was the first female command sergeant major of an infantry brigade combat team in combat, as the CSM of the Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.



CPT Lauran Glover made history in November 2014, when she was selected as the first woman drill commander of the U.S. Army Drill Team, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard).

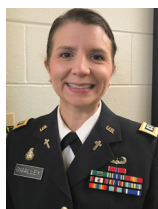


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THE FIRST WOMEN ARMY CHAPLAINS



Ms. Ella Gibson Hobart (*Posthumously*) served as the chaplain of the 1st Wisconsin Regiment of Heavy Artillery, during the Civil War. Her status was never recognized by the Secretary of War.



CH (CPT) Mel O'Malley regularly shares her unique experience as a female in ministry with potential future chaplains in her position with the South Central Chaplain Recruiting Team.



Rev. Alice M. Henderson the first woman to officially serve in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps in July 1974. She was sworn in at a ceremony at U.S. Army Forces Command

(FORSCOM) at Fort McPherson, GA and served for 13 years.



CH (CPT) Delana Small became the first female chaplain assigned to a combat arms battalion unit - the 101st Airborne Division.



CH COL (Ret) Janet Horton was the first woman promoted to Colonel in the Army Chaplain Corps. COL Horton and her non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC), Iraida Velazquez, were the first Division-level all-female Unit Ministry Team.



CH CPT Alison Ward & CH CPT LeyAnne Ward brought new meaning to the concept of "sisters in service" in 2010, when the biological sisters were commissioned as chaplains. They both graduated from CH-BOLC in August 2009, commissioned as USAR chaplains and began serving at Fort Bragg together in January 2013.



Rabbi COL (Ret) Bonnie Koppell became the first female rabbi officially endorsed as a military chaplain in 1981. She served in the US Army Reserve for 38 years and

retired in 2016 with the rank of Colonel.



CH (CPT) Vivian Keady Yanquoi-West became the first female chaplain assigned the 1st Cavalry Division.



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THE HELLO GIRLS: AMERICA'S FIRST WOMEN SOLDIERS

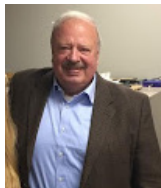


“The Hello Girls” were the 223 American U.S. Army Signal Corps women telephone operators who deployed to France during World War I. The women served throughout France and near the front lines with honor and distinction. At the signing of the Armistice in 1918, these women switchboard operators had connected over 26 million calls. Upon their return to the US, the Army denied them veteran’s benefits. After almost 60 years, in 1977 a law was signed recognizing their service. In 2018 legislation was submitted by Senators Tester and Heller in support of the Congressional Gold Medal for the Hello Girls.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CHAMPIONS



CPT Whennah Andrews – tireless work ethic, tenacity, courage, and attention to detail contributed greatly to the successful revision of the AR 670-1 policy related to wearing locks. Specifically, CPT Andrews provided an impeccable rationale and language to develop the AR 670-1 policy revision.



Mr. Mark Hough – the attorney who helped the World War I Signal Corps telephone operators be officially recognized as serving in the U.S. Army. The success ultimately came in November 1978 when President Jimmy Carter signed a veterans’ bill containing provisions that made possible official discharge papers and Victory Medals for the women who had served in the Signal Corps during World War I. Had Mark not done this, it is almost certain their story would have been lost to history.



Mr. Jim Theres – Director and author of the documentary, The Hello Girls, he created a one-hour film about the American phone operators who served in the Army Signal Corps during World War I to shine a spotlight on a group of brave, selfless women who were not officially recognized for their work until it was too late for most of them.



Dr. Elizabeth Cobbs – Author of The Hello Girls, who revealed the challenges “The Hello Girls” faced in a war zone where male soldiers welcomed, resented, wooed, mocked, saluted, and ultimately celebrated them.



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