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Collection Overview

Repository:	Division of Armed Forces, National Museum of American History
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Title:	Division of Armed Forces History Women's Military History Collection
Dates:	circa 1850-2015
Quantity:	30 linear feet
Abstract:	This collection contains primary material such as articles, periodicals, autobiographical and personal records, photographs, correspondence, military records and regulations, official documents, audio and video recordings, and significant literature and images created by, for, and as documentation of women's interaction with military institutions in America from the eighteenth century to the present. Secondary materials address not only American women's military history but also the worldwide military-related experiences of women since Antiquity. The collection documents women as military volunteers, soldiers, officers, nurses, contractors, and war workers, as well as members of military families and volunteers in war-related activities.
Language:	English

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The Division of Armed Forces History Women's Military History collection contains such primary materials as diaries and other personal records, correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs and other contemporary images, military records and regulations, other official documents, ephemera, interviews, and audio and video recordings. This material documents women's experiences in relation to America's armed forces from the eighteenth century to the present. Supporting the archives are the museum's collections of material objects related to women's military history, including a unique collection of women's military and military-style uniforms, supplemented by links to related collections in other Smithsonian museums. The archive also houses books, articles, and other secondary materials that not only supplement the primary materials on the American woman's military experience but also extends coverage to women's military history worldwide since Antiquity. Primary and secondary sources document women's participation in such roles as military volunteers, soldiers and officers, nurses, contractors, camp followers, war workers, members of military families, and civilian volunteers in war-related activities. The Women's Military History Archive is particularly strong in both primary and secondary materials related to women in the two world wars of the twentieth century. Also included in the online Archive are links to other collections and archives with relevant material. The collection continues to add new items.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

United States--Armed Forces--Women

Container Listing

1: United States Armed Forces, 1918-2014

2 boxes

- 1.1: Women in Combat, 1972-2014
- 1.2: Women in Military Intelligence, 1989
- 1.3: Sexual Harassment and Assault in the Military, 1980-2014
- 1.4: Diversity in the Military, 1943-1993
- 1.5: Religion in the Military, 1943-1984
- 1.6: North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 1974-1984
- 1.7: Women Veterans, 1972-2003
- 1.8: Military Families, 1943-2008

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2: United States Air Force, 1959-2011

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- 2.1: Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS)
- 2.2: Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD)
- 2.3: Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), 1943-2010
- 2.4: Women's Air Force (WAF), 1949-2010
- 2.5: Women Military Aviators, Inc., 2003-2006
- 2.6: Air Force Astronauts, 1994
- 2.7: Air Force Families, 1959-1981
- 2.8: Air Force Uniforms, 1980-1994
- 2.9: Notable Women of the Air Force

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3: United States Army, 1851-2011

3 boxes

3.1: Army Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators Unit ("Hello Girls"), 1918-2000

3.2: Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)

3.3: Women's Army Corps (WAC), 1942-2011

3.4: Army Nurse Corps, 1899-2006

3.5: Army Special Services, 1955-1970

3.6: United States Military Academy (West Point), 1990-2011

3.7: Army Uniforms, 1978-2011

3.8: Notable Women of the Army, 1983-2011

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4: United States Coast Guard, 1945-1999

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4.1: Lighthouse Service Lighthouse Keepers

4.2: Naval Reserve Yeomen (F) ("Yeomanettes" or "Yeowomen")

4.3: Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPAR), 1945-1999

4.4: Coast Guard Uniforms

4.5: Notable Women of the Coast Guard, 1999

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5: United States Marine Corps, 1944-1998

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5.1: Marine Reservists (F) ("Marinettes")

5.2: Marine Corps Women's Reserve, 1944-1995

5.3: Marine Corps Uniforms

5.4: Notable Women of the Marine Corps, 1990-1998

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6: United States Navy, 1980-2000

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6.1: Naval Reserve Yeomen (F) ("Yeomanettes" or "Yeowomen"), 1918-2000

6.2: Naval Reserve (Women's Reserve) (WAVES), 1942-1994

6.3: Navy Nurse Corps, 1924-2008

6.4: Women on Submarines, 1999-2000

6.5: Tailhook Scandal, 1991-1993, 1992-1994

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6.7: Notable Women of the Navy, 1991-1995

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7.2: War of 1812, 1809-1984

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7.5: World War II, 1939-1945, 1942-2014

7.6: Korean War, 1950-1953

7.7: Vietnam War, 1961-1975, 1967-1993

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8: American Red Cross, 1898-2005

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- 8.1: American Red Cross in the American Civil War, 1898-1899
- 8.2: American Red Cross in the Spanish-American War, 1898-1899
- 8.3: American Red Cross in World War I, 1917-1919
- 8.4: American Red Cross in World War II, 1941-1995
- 8.5: American Red Cross in the Vietnam War, 1968-1993
- 8.6: American Red Cross Uniforms, 1917-1971
- 8.7: Notable Women of the American Red Cross

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9: Blue Star Mothers of America, 1942-2002

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9.1: Notable Women of the Blue Star Mothers of America, 1942-1954

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10: Cartoons & Comics, 1955-2011

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11: Civilian Fashion, Military Impact On, 1917-2005

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12: National Travelers Aid Association, 1945-1995

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12.1: National Travelers Aid Association in World War II, 1945-1995

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13: Salvation Army, 1917-1976

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13.2: Salvation Army in World War II, 1946-1977

13.3: Notable Women of the Salvation Army, 1946-1976

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14: United Service Organizations (U.S.) (USO), 1946-1977

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15: United States Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS), 1969-1992

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15.1: Military Uniform Fashion Show, 1969

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16: Women in Military Service for America Memorial (Arlington, Va.), 1988-2015

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16.3: Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony, June 22, 1995, 1995

16.4: Memorial Dedication Ceremony and Events, October 16-19, 1997, 1997-1998

16.6: Women in Military Service for America Foundation (U.S.), 1996-2004

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17: World War I Uniformed Voluntary Organizations, 1914-2011

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- 17.1: American Committee for Devastated France (ACDF), 1918-1919
- 17.2: American Friends Service Committee, 1918
- 17.3: American Fund for French Wounded (AFFW), 1919-1989
- 17.4: American Library Association (ALA), 1918-1919
- 17.5: Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania
- 17.6: General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1917-1989
- 17.7: Jewish Welfare Board (JWB)
- 17.8: Knights of Columbus, 1918-1984
- 17.9: League of Catholic Women
- 17.10: National Catholic War Council
- 17.11: National League for Woman's Service, 1918
- 17.12: National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1922-2011
- 17.13: Smith College Relief Unit, 1942-1999
- 17.14: United States Shipping Board
- 17.15: United War Work Campaign, Inc., 1918-2011
- 17.16: War Camp Community Service (U.S.), 1918
- 17.17: Women's Land Army of America (WLAA), 1918-1919
- 17.18: Women's Section of the Navy League, 1915-2013
- 17.19: Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
- 17.20: Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

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18: World War II Uniformed Voluntary Organizations, 1942-1993

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18.1: American Women's Voluntary Services, 1942

18.2: Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps of America, 1942-1943

18.3: Women's Land Army (WLA), 1943-1993

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