

Army Women of

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As secretary for Major General Leonard Wood during World War I, **Elsie Gunther** was responsible for recruiting 5,000 women for duty with the Women's Overseas Corps (WOC). The war ended before these women saw service but they laid the groundwork for women's expanding roles in the next major conflict.



Julia Ledbetter was a contracted pilot with the Women's Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. She worked in all areas of aviation; flying searchlight tracking missions, towing targets, instructing male pilots, and even ferrying B-42s across the United States.



Private First Class **Vernetta Payne Jones** helped lead the Women's Army Corps in racial desegregation. She was part of the last segregated "Company B" at the WAC Training Center and School in Fort Lee, Virginia in 1950.



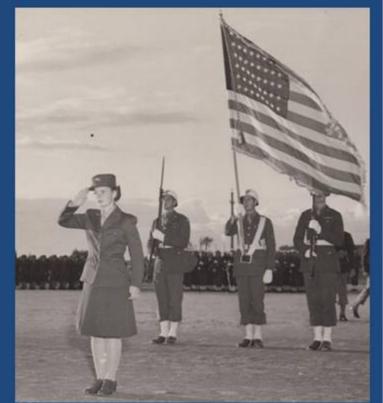
During her career in the Army and the Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 5 **Geraldine Bowers** served as a pilot. She flew numerous relief and humanitarian missions. In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Chief Bowers flew Supra C-23 aircraft with the 336th Combat Support Battalion.



Major **Sherry Lynn Womack** served in Afghanistan from 2001-2002 as the first female physician's assistant to accompany Special Operations Forces into a combat zone. The trust she established with Afghan women and children laid the foundation for the Army's attention and sensitivity to cultural constraints in the region.



First Lieutenant **Louise Fournelle King** served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. Assigned to the 16th Field Hospital, she treated combat troops as they fought their way across France, Belgium, and Germany in 1945.



For her service during World War II, Private **Margaret "Pee Wee" Maloney** was the only WAC to be awarded the Soldier's Medal in the European Theater of Operations. She pulled a male soldier from a pool of burning gasoline and smothered the flames with her body until assistance arrived.



As the first female First Sergeant assigned to a combat zone, Lieutenant Colonel **Marion Crawford** activated the first WAC Detachment in Vietnam. She provided support to the Army mission overseas while also training women in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN).



Specialist **Aleshia Johnson-Williams** deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response. She superbly managed the North Marshalling Container Yard, where she accounted for and distributed food, medical supplies, water, and other humanitarian aid.