

Twenty-five Forgotten WACs - September 29, 2025

WAAC and WAC OCS Graduates (1942-1952) who meet the HOF Criteria

LTC Charity E. Adams (Fort Des Moines - 29 Aug 1942 (WAAC OCS Class #1)).

Commander of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion WW II.

BG Mildred Inez Bailey (Fort Des Moines- 26 Sep 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #3).

8th WAC Director - 1 Aug 1971 to 31 Jul 1975.

WAC Exhibit Traveling Team Leader - 1963 to 1968.

COL Judith C. Bennett (Fort Des Moines- 12 Sep 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #2).

WAC Staff Advisor US Army Pacific Mar 1970- Jul 1971.

Senior Advisor to the Vietnamese Women Armed Forces 1969-1970.

COL Westray Battle Boyce (Fort Des Moines- 12 Sep 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #2).

2nd WAC Director - 12 Jul 1945 to 4 Mar 1947.

WAC Staff Director North African Theater - 1943-1944.

COL Elizabeth H. Branch (Fort Des Moines- 3 Oct 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #4).

Command Historian (MACV) 1971 to 1973.

WAC Center Commander Fort McClellan Jul 1966 - Aug 1968.

COL Lane Carlson (Fort Des Moines- 18 Jun 1943) (WAAC OCS Class #32).

Aide to General Douglas MacArthur in Japan and Editor of Soldiers Magazine during 1970s.

MG Mary E. Clarke (Camp Lee- 29 Sep 1949) (WAC OCS Class #2 -1949).

Commanding General Fort McClellan, Alabama - 1978-1980.

9th WAC Director - 1 Aug 1975 to 28 Apr 1978.

Commander US Army WAC Center - 15 Sep 1972 to 4 Sep 1974.

WAC Staff Advisor Sixth US Army - Mar 1971 to Aug 1972.

COL Irene O. Galloway (Fort Des Moines- 12 Sep 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #2).

4th WAC Director - 3 Jan 1953 to 2 Jan 1957.

WAC Staff Advisor to US Army Europe Jul 1948 to Sep 1952.

COL Emily C. Gorman (Fort Des Moines- 10 Oct 1942) (WAAC Class #5).
6th WAC Director - 1 Aug 1962 to 31 Jul 1966.
WAC Advisor to the CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia- Jan 1957 to Jul 1960.
Deputy Director of the WAC 3 Jan 1953 to 2 Jan 1957.

COL Mary J. Guyette (Fort Des Moines- 14 Jul 1943) (WAC Class # 36).
Staff Advisor U.S. Army Europe - Apr 1971- Jul 1972.
WAC Senior Advisor to the Republic of Korea Army Aug 1963 to Sep 1965

COL Mary A. Hallaren (Fort Des Moines- 29 Aug 1942 (WAAC Class # 1).
3rd WAC Acting Director - 5 Mar 1947 to 6 May 1947.
3rd WAC Director - 7 May 1947 to 2 Jan 1953.
Commander First WAC Separate Battalion, North Africa in July 1943.

COL Georgia D. Hill (Camp Lee- 1 Apr 1949) (WAC OCS Class #1- 1949).
Assistant Commandant WAC School - 1 Jul 1970 to 29 Jan 1972.
Career Intelligence Officer - Foreign Area Specialist Program Russia.

COL Edith M. Hinton (Fort Lee- 8 Mar 1952) (WAC OCS Class #6-1952).
Deputy Director of WAC - 1 Sep 1975 to 28 Apr 1978.
Assistant Commandant WAC School - 13 Sep 1973 to 22 May 1974.

BG Elizabeth P. Hoisington (Fort Des Moines- 10 May 1943) (WAAC Class #27).
7th WAC Director - 1 Aug 1966 to 31 Jul 1971.
Commandant of WAC School at Fort McClellan - Nov 1964 to Jul 1966.

MG Jeanne Holm (Fort Des Moines- 9 Jan 1943). (WAAC OCS Class #11)
Sixth Director of the Women's Air Force (WAF) November 1965 to March 1973.
Promoted to Brigadier General July 16, 1971 (first woman appointed to this grade in the Air Force) Promoted to Major General effective June 1, 1973 (with date of rank July 1, 1970) (first woman in the Armed Forces to serve in that grade)

COL Marie Kehrer (Fort Des Moines- 3 Oct 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #4).
Deputy WAC Director 1 Aug 1967- 31 Jan 1971.
WAC Staff Advisor US Army Europe Oct 1962 - Jun 1964.

COL Alice A. Long (Fort Des Moines-21 Jul 1945) (WAC OCS Class #58).

WAC Staff Advisor US Army Pacific Jul 1971-Aug 1974.

Personnel Staff Officer - MACV J1 Saigon - June 1970 to Jun 1971.

WAC Staff Advisor to Republic of Korea Army Sep 1965 - Jul 1967.

COL Geraldine Pratt May (Fort Des Moines- 29 Aug 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #1).

First Director of the Women's Air Force (WAF) 1948 - 1951.

WAC Staff Director Army Air Forces Air Transport Command during World War II ("Air WAC" included 6,000 enlisted women and officers). The first Woman in the Air Force promoted to rank of Colonel.

COL Maxene M. Baker Michl (Fort Des Moines- 9 Mar 1943) (WAAC OCS Class # 18).

WAC Center Commander Fort McClellan 30 Aug 1968 - 14 Aug 1970.

WAC Staff Advisor Fourth US Army Mar 1968 - Aug 1968.

WAC Staff Advisor Fifth US Army Sep 1962 - Feb 1964.

COL Mary L. Milligan Rasmuson (Fort Des Moines- 29 Aug 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #1) 5th WAC Director - 3 Jan 1957 - 31 Jul 1962. Philanthropist post-military.

WAC Staff Advisor to Commanding General, US Army Europe - 1952-1956.

Deputy Director of the WAC - Aug 1947 to Aug 1952.

COL Elizabeth Ann Ray (Fort Des Moines- 3 Oct 1942) (WAAC OCS Class #4).

Fifth Director of the Women's Air Force (WAF) - 1961-1965.

Deputy Director of the WAF - 1953-1955.

COL Mary J.D. Roberts (Fort Des Moines- 29 Aug 1942) (WAAC OCS Class # 1).

Personal Secretary to President Lyndon B. Johnson 1953 to 1969.

Special Assistant on National Security Affairs JCS 1969 to 1972.

Executive Assistant at the LBJ Presidential Library.

COL Frances Weir (Camp Lee- 11 Apr 1950) (WAC OCS Class #3-1950).

Staff Advisor Sixth US Army Aug 1972-Dec 1974.

US Army Support Command Vietnam Jan 1969- Jan 1970.

Philanthropy post-military - \$6 million scholarship fund gift to James Madison University awarding \$240K annually.

COL Charlotte I. Woodworth (Fort Des Moines- 10 Apr 1943) (WAAC OCS Class # 22).

WAC Staff Advisor to Republic of Korea Army Feb 1958-Mar 1959.

WAC Training Battalion Commander Fort McClellan 1954-1955.

WAC Training Battalion Commander Fort Lee 1953-1954.

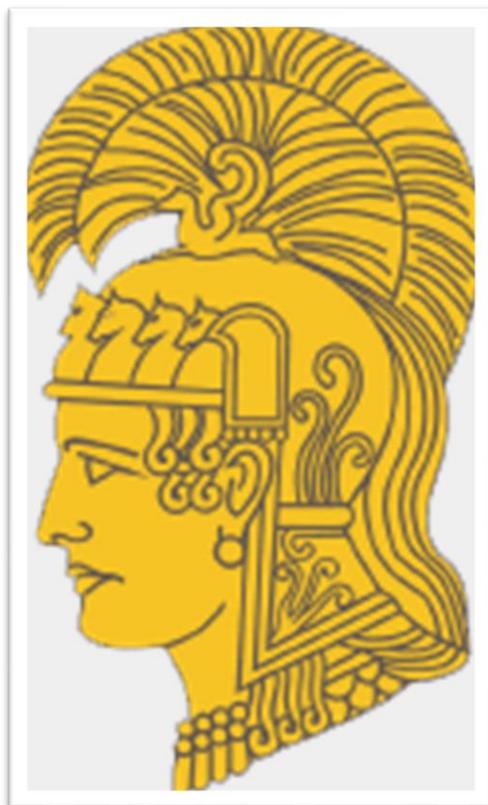
COL Frances M. Yoniack (Fort Des Moines- 16 Feb 1943) (WAAC OCS Class # 15).

Staff Advisor First U.S. Army Jul 1971-May 1973.

WAC Staff Advisor US Army Europe Jun 1969 - Apr 1971.

Staff Advisor First US Army Jun 1967-Jun 1969.

There may be more WAC OCS graduates who meet the Hall of Fame Criteria.



Female Army OCS Hall of Fame Members as of September 1, 2025 (38 Women who have not been forgotten)

No picture for twelve (12) of the Inductees in the kiosks or TUSAOCSAA website

Year of Induction and other information is from the website and kiosk database.

2000 COL Rose A. Walker (3-78)
2001 BG Belinda H. Pinckney (1-79)
2003 COL Sherry L. Carpenter (4-78)
2004 COL Janice M. Berry (5-80)
2005 COL Many-Bears Grinder RC2-82
2005 **MG Karol A. Kennedy (17 Dec 1965 Fort McClellan) WAC OCS**
2005 COL Angela M. Manos (4-81)
2006 COL Karen S. Adams (1-80)
2006 COL Elizabeth D. Austin (RC2-80)
2006 COL Mary J. Shanks (4-80)
2007 COL Ginger T. Pratt (2-78)
2007 COL Diana A. Raynor (4-84)
2007 COL Kathleen J. Swacina (5-80)
2007 COL Norma P. Tovar (1-82)
2007 BG Julia Kraus (2-77) was Williams at graduation.
2007 COL Julie M. Augeri (1-82)
2007 COL Kim G. Lindahl (1-82)
2007 COL Natalie R. Jacaruso (4-80)
2009 COL Mary L. Franklin (5-80)
2009 COL Carey S. Hill (1-82)
2009 COL Carolyn R. Sharpe (3-85)
2011 COL Virginia Yates (1-84)
2013 COL Janet Riley (1-88)
2014 COL Francis A. Hardison (4-92)
2017 COL Carmelia Scott-Skillern (4-94)
2018 COL Janet Holliday (3-92)
2018 COL Michelle C. McLaughlin (2-88)
2019 COL Stephanie D. Vaughn (1-91)
2020 COL Shelley Balderson (3-87)
2020 COL Stephanie Baxley Batten (4-87)
2020 COL Carolyn Faye Kleiner (NJ State OCS 1985)
2021 BG Susie S. Kuilan (1-89)
2022 COL Karla O. Langland (5-86)
2023 LTC Annie Spiczak (5-82)
2024 BG Sally Petty (501-92)
2024 COL Daphany Prewitt (1-94)
2024 COL Gina W. Richards-McCloskey (1-98)
2025 COL Kathryn Vandermolen (2-86)

The Only WAC OCS graduate currently in the Army OCS Hall of Fame was on duty in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

The following is a breakdown of the year of commissioning for the 38 female members currently in the Army OCS Hall of Fame:

1965: 1

1977: 1

1978: 3

1979: 1

1980: 7

1981: 1

1982: 6

1984: 2

1985: 2

1986: 2

1987: 2

1988: 2

1989: 1

1991: 1

1992: 3

1994: 2

1998: 1

Totals by decade of when the current Female Army OCS Hall of Fame members were commissioned:

1940s: None

1950s: None

1960s: 1

1970s: 5

1980s: 25

1990s: 7

We may have missed something in our effort to gather the most current and accurate information from TUSAOCSAA website and the kiosk database. Corrections and updates are welcome.

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