



### **Colonel Lane Carlson**

Colonel Lane Carlson was born in Scotts Bluff, Nebraska on June 6, 1919. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1941 and was a radio script writer at Hannibal, Missouri and Dubuque, Iowa prior to enlisting.

She enlisted in the WAAC in February 1943 at Fort Des Moines, Iowa and graduated from the Officer Candidate School Class # 32 on June 18, 1943.

Her first duty assignment was as Assistant Public Information Officer at Camp Butner, North Carolina. She then served as Public Relations Officer at Stark General Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina before becoming Assistant Public Relations Officer at Headquarters of the Fourth Service Command in Atlanta, Georgia.

Colonel Carlson was Aide to General Douglas MacArthur and while assigned to his public information office in Tokyo she served as Helen Keller's guide during a 1946 tour of Japan. Major Carlson was integrated into the Regular Army in 1949 during her service in Japan.

Her subsequent assignments included duty with the Information Section of Headquarters Second Army, Fort George Meade, Maryland in 1951 and Information Officer of the US Army WAC Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama from 1955-57.

She was a Graduate of the Command and General Staff College and earned a Master of Arts degree in communications and journalism from Stanford University. Colonel Carlson was named technical advisor for the movie "Francis Joins the WACs" starring Donald

O'Connor, while serving as Executive Officer of the Sixth Army Information Section at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Colonel Carlson served in the Office of Public Affairs at Headquarters U.S. Army Europe Heidelberg, before being assigned to Fort McClellan in January 1967. She became editor of the official Army magazine in 1971. It was called the Army Information Digest from 1946 until May 31, 1971, when the name was changed to Soldiers. Carlson was the first woman editor in the 25 year history of the publication.

Her military awards include: the Army Commendation Medal, Women's Army Corps Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan) and National Defense Service Medal.