



Colonel Edith M. Hinton

Colonel Edith M. Hinton was born in Beaumont, Mississippi on February 23, 1930 and graduated from high school there in 1946. She attended Jones County Junior College at Ellisville before enlisting.

She entered the Army from Hattiesburg, Mississippi on June 8, 1949 and served as platoon sergeant in a basic training company at the WAC Center in Fort Lee, Virginia and recruiting sergeant before entering Officer Candidate School in 1951. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from WAC Officer Candidate School class # 6 at Fort Lee, Virginia on March 8, 1952.

Her early tours of duty included assignments at recruiting stations in Ohio and Kentucky and troop assignments in the States and administrative officer duties in Japan.

Colonel Hinton was Commander of the WAC Company attached to the First Special Troops Battalion, Special Troop Command at Fort Benning, Georgia and then spent time recruiting in Arkansas during 1959 for the Women's Army Corps College Juniors program.

She was WAC Selection Officer at Little Rock, Arkansas prior to attending the University of Southern Mississippi under the Army's Degree Completion Program during 1961-1962.

In April 1962 Hinton became Chief of Plans and Operations of the WAC Training Battalion. She was promoted to Major in 1963 and took command of the WAC School Officer Training

Detachment at Fort McClellan until being transferred to a new assignment at Fort Ord, California in July 1964.

She graduated from the Command and General Staff College in May 1967, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in September 1967 and assigned to the Readiness Division Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations in the Pentagon. She was the only WAC officer in that office.

Colonel Hinton became the First US Army (Fort Meade) WAC Staff Advisor in June 1969 and remained in that position until July 1971. She served as the WAC Training Battalion Commander from 1972-1973 and as the Assistant Commandant of the WAC School from September 13, 1973 to May 22, 1974.

She became the first Commander of Fort Jackson's 5th Basic Training WAC Brigade when it was activated in 1974. Her final duty assignment was as the last Deputy Director of the Women's Army Corps from September 1, 1975 to April 28, 1978.

Her military awards include: The Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.