

3rd Battalion (OCS) 11th Infantry Brigade  
ATTN: S-3, Hall of Fame Action Officer  
6510 McVeigh Drive, Bldg 76  
Fort Moore, GA 31905

7 November 2024

Dear Sir,

It is with great honor that I nominate Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Charity Adams for induction into the OCS Hall of Fame for Superior Meritorious Service. LTC Adams graduated from Class One, U.S. Army's Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) Officer Candidate School at Fort Des Moines, Iowa 29 August 1942 as the first African American officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later WACs).

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LTC (Ret) Adams is qualified for the OCS Hall of Fame for Superior Meritorious Service.

Sincerely,

Randy C. Dunham

Artillery OCS Class 10-69

**REQUEST FOR INDUCTION  
OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL HALL OF FAME**

NAME OF NOMINEE: Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Charity Adams **(Posthumus Award)**

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At the time, the U.S. Army was still segregated, so she was placed in a company with fellow female African American women officers and was assigned to be the training supervisor at base headquarters. In 1944 she was reassigned as the Training Center control officer in charge of improving efficiency and job training as well as other responsibilities, such as surveying and summary court officer (handling women's minor offenses).

In December 1944, LTC Adams led the only company of African American WACs to serve overseas. They were initially stationed in Birmingham, England where she was put in charge of a postal directory service unit and also was tasked with raising the morale of women. Adams achieved this by creating beauty parlors for the women to relax and socialize.

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LTC Adams devoted much of her post-war life to community service. She served on the Board of Directors of Dayton Power and Light, the Dayton Metro Housing Authority, the Dayton Opera Company, the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross, and the Board of Trustees of Sinclair Community College. She volunteered for United Way, the United Negro College Fund, the Urban League, and the YWCA. She also co-directed the Black Leadership Development Program.

LTC Adams received many honors and awards, including a Woman of the Year from the National Council of Negro Women in 1946, the Top Ten Women of the Miami Valley Dayton Daily News in 1965, and Service to the Community Award from the Ohio State Senate in 1989. In 1987, she received the Senior Citizens Gold Watch Award. She was listed on the Smithsonian Institution's 110 most important historical Black women list, Black Women Against the Odds, in 1982. She was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1979 and the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 1993. She was also inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame and named citizen of the year.

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May 16, 1942



*Graduation*

First Officer Candidate Class

*of the*

*Women's Army Auxiliary Corps*

Fort Des Moines

Iowa

August 29 - 1942



# Officers First Graduation Class

## WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS

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### *First Company - First Regiment*

Adams, Charity E., Columbus, Ohio  
Alexander, Frances C., Toledo, Ohio  
Allen, Ruth B., Akron, Ohio  
Armstrong, Mary B., Cleveland, Ohio  
Anderson, Myrtle E., Everett, Massachusetts  
Askins, Violet, Chicago, Illinois  
Austin, Verneal M., New York, New York  
Bain, Louise E., Danville, Indiana  
Barry, Willie B. B., Laredo, Texas  
Benson, Dorothy N., Frazeyburg, Ohio  
Bordeaux, Mary A., Louisville, Kentucky  
Boutell, Hortense M., Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Bowman, Gladys V., Hinton, West Virginia  
Bright, Geraldine G., Pittsburg, Texas  
Brown, Annie L., Brenham, Texas  
Burnham, Genevieve R., Akron, Ohio  
Campbell, A. N., Tuskegee Institute, Alabama  
Campbell, V. G., New York, New York  
Canfield, Virginia G., Depostie, New York  
Carter, Mildred E., Boston, Massachusetts  
Cayton, Irma J., Chicago, Illinois  
Cluverius, Marguerite A., Charleston, South Carolina  
Corl, Olive R., Easley, South Carolina  
Cowan, Anne B., Columbus, Ohio  
Creech, Violet W., Bellaire, Texas  
Daniel, Louise P., Columbia, South Carolina  
Davis, B. B., Charleston, West Virginia  
Davis, E. M., Royal Oak, Michigan  
Deer, Carrie E., Miami, Florida  
Donaldson, Natalie F., New York, New York  
Edelman, Rosemary B., Plymouth, Ohio  
Emmert, Sarah E., Chicago, Illinois  
Ferguson, Geneva V., Camp Dennison, Ohio  
Fincke, Joy E., Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Fodness, Murl L., Sheyenne, North Dakota  
Freeman, Ruth L., Liberty, Texas  
Gates, Elizabeth, Jamestown, North Dakota  
Gaynor, Helen A., Wheeling, West Virginia  
Ginns, Ruth S., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Glasscock, Margaret M., San Antonio, Texas  
Graff, Melvina A., Condit, Ohio  
Greene, Evelyn F., Washington, D. C.  
Hall, Virginia, Fort Shaw, Montana  
Hampton, Elizabeth C., Los Angeles, California  
Harrison, Vera A., Hamilton, Ohio

✓ Hawthorne, Miriam W., Miami, Florida  
✓ Hight, Janis M., Biddeford, Maine  
Hill, Manice M., Houston, Texas  
Hillberry, Irene L., Kingment, West Virginia  
Hole, Gladys E., Bridge Port, Indiana  
Hollister, Dora M., Navarre, Ohio  
Hubman, Wilma E., Independence, Ohio  
Hutto, Ollie B., Columbia, South Carolina  
Jackson, Nell L., Florence, South Carolina  
✓ Jenkins, Janet C., Bay City, Michigan  
Johnson, Dovey M., Charlotte, North Carolina  
Johnston, Elizabeth, Union, West Virginia  
Jones, Alice M., Nacogdoches, Texas  
Kearney, Mary F., Baptist, Connecticut  
Keplinger, Bernice L., Canton, Ohio  
Kilbourne, Virginia E., St. Paul, Minnesota  
✓ Korn, Jean M., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Lewis, Mary I., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Lucas, Ruth A., Stanford, Connecticut  
Marshall, Joan C., Superior, Montana  
May, Charline J., Falls City, Nebraska  
McKay, Celestina, Freeport, Texas  
McKee, Hazel L., Tampa, Florida  
McFadden, Ina M., St. Louis, Missouri  
Miller, Mary L., St. Augusta, Georgia  
Moomaw, Sarah L., Greenfield, Ohio  
Moore, Dorothy R., Charleston, South Carolina  
C — Moore, Glendora, Washington, D. C.  
Morton, Ruth M., Terre Haute, Indiana  
Murphy, Sarah E., Atlanta, Georgia  
Norrel, Doris M., Indianapolis, Indiana  
Olney, Gertrude E., Charleston, South Carolina  
Osby, Mildred L., Everett, Massachusetts  
Pearson, Annie R., Bamber, South Carolina  
Peebles, Gertrude J., Omaha, Nebraska  
✓ Peirce, Pauline F., Indianapolis, Indiana  
Pratt, Gertrude V., Mt. Clemens, Michigan  
✓ Reebel, Natalie G., Youngstown, Ohio  
Reece, Ruth S., New Castle, Indiana  
Roche, Elizabeth, St. Laurium, Michigan  
Rogers, Martha E., New Albany, Mississippi  
Rogers, Mary C., Bennetsville, South Carolina  
Schaub, Maud K., Raleigh, North Carolina  
Sherard, Corris S., Atlanta, Georgia