

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Honoring and Celebrating Local Heroes
in the
Arkansas Army and Air National Guard
March 2016



Despite various, though limited, roles in the armies of past societies, the role of women in the military, particularly in combat, is controversial and it is only recently that women have begun to be given a more prominent role in contemporary armed forces. More recently, from the beginning of the 1970s, most Western armies have begun to admit women to serve active duty in all of military branches.

Military Nurses

During the course of World War I, 21,498 U.S. Army nurses (military nurses were all women then) served in military hospitals in the United States and overseas. Eighteen African-American Army nurses served stateside caring for German prisoners of war (POWs) and African-American soldiers; after the Armistice, Nov. 11, 1918, they entered the Army Nurse Corps and cared for people.



ARKANSAS GUARD'S FIRST FEMALE GENERAL



Brig. Gen. Patricia M. Anslow is the first female general officer in the Arkansas National Guard.



Arkansas Air National Guard's 188th Wing is based at Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Recreation Time

SC 134176
Photo taken during the nurses' gym class at the
Field House, Camp Robinson, Arkansas. l. to R:
Lt. B. Frydenlund, 2nd Lt. Ass't. Chief Nurse
Harnett Campbell, 2nd Lt. M. Mathias, 2nd Lt.
S. Schuler, 2nd Lt. E. Bigger, 2nd Lt. B.
Height and 2nd Lt. P.M. Rivera. February 24,
1942.

Signal Corps Photo #162-42-262 by Spinelli,
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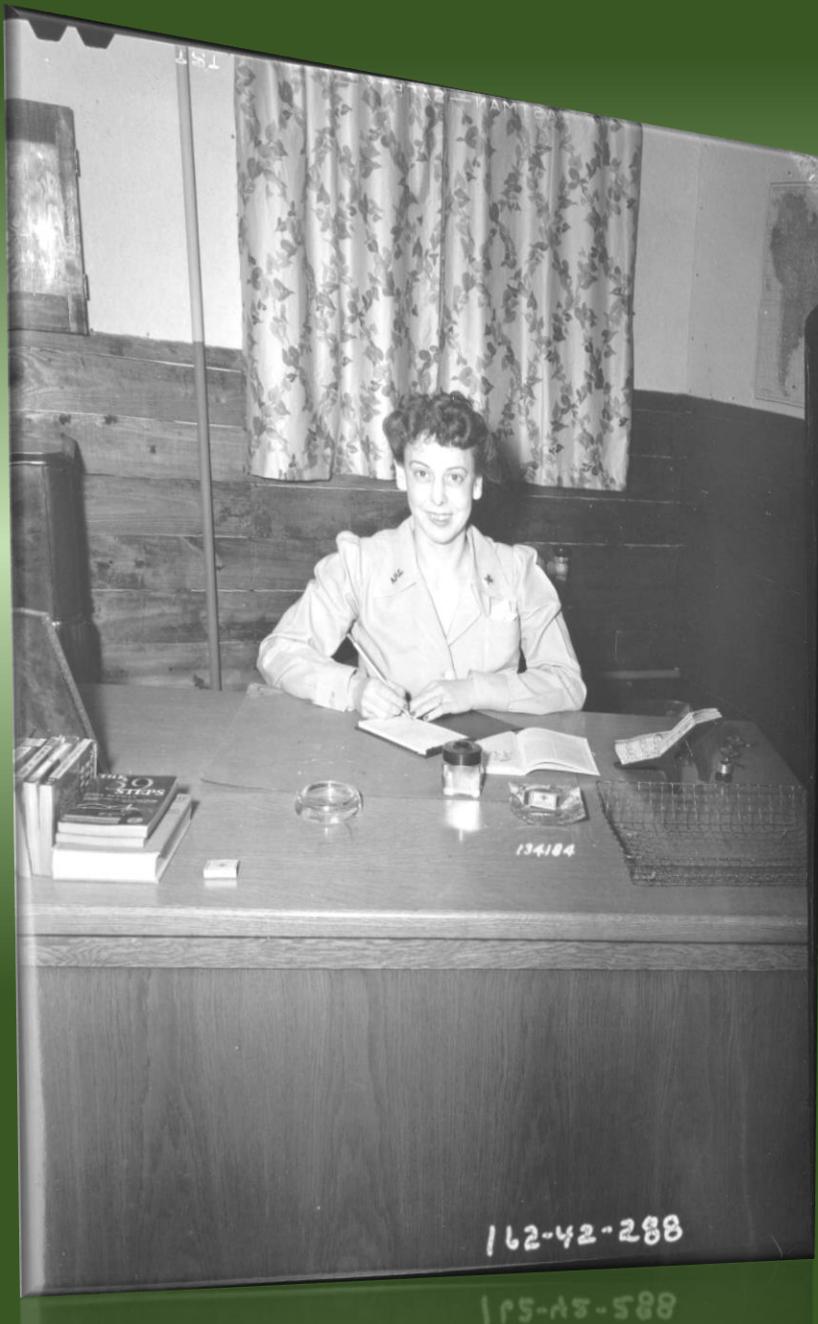


CW5 Pamela Huff

Pamela (Marshall) Huff began her military career in 1975 with the Arkansas Army National Guard after graduating high school. Pamela's motivation for joining the military was in knowing that she would be serving not only her country but the people. She became the first African-American female Chief Warrant Officer Five (CW5) in the Arkansas Army National Guard (AR ARNG). Chief Huff holds the status of a Human Resource Officer & Internal Auditor for the National Guard. She earned her BS degree at John Brown University and her Master of Arts in Human Resources Development from Webster.



Red Cross Assistant Recreational Director



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Photo shows Kathleen Buck, Red Cross Assistant Recreational Director, taken on February 26, 1942 in the Red Cross Building at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

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Staff Sgt. Kristi Boatwright

Staff Sgt. Kristi Boatwright, who was selected as the March 2016 The Flying Razorback spotlight.



Station Hospital, Camp Robinson 1942



SC 138586

Heat and message room of the physiotherapy department of the Station Hospital, Camp Robinson, Arkansas, 3/31/42.

Signal Corps Photo #162-42-T-857. (Type)
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Lt. Col Erica Ingram

Lt. Col Erica Ingram, Commander, 871st Troop Command of the Arkansas National Guard.

The 871st is one of the largest units in Arkansas. She will succeed outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Dwight D. Ikenberry

July 10, 2014





Colonel Bobbi J. Doorenbos

Colonel Bobbi J. Doorenbos took command of the 188th Wing Jan. 11, 2015. Colonel Doorenbos now serves as both the wing commander and air commander for the nearly 1,000 members of the 188th Wing, of which more than 300 are full-time personnel. In this dual role as wing commander and air commander, Colonel Doorenbos oversees all of the 188th Wing's operations and support functions, as well as manages the full-time force of federal technicians, Active Guard and Reserve members and state employees.



CW4 Dorothy L. Sealy

CW4 Sealy served the AR ARNG from 28 June 1973 until 25 July 2001.

Her first unit was HHC 212th Signal BN in North Little Rock, AR.

ARMY NURSE CORPS OF YATES CENTER



SC 141160

Lt. Mary Croyle, Army Nurse Corps of Yates Center, Kansas, Station hospital, Camp Robinson, Ark., putting operating room equipment into sterilizer where it stays under 20 pounds per square inch pressure at 250° Fahrenheit for one hour. 4/2/42.

Signal Corps Photo #102-42-9632. (Hykton)
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Photo Co., Camp Robinson, Ark. August 1942.
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LTC Peggy Frye

Peggy Frye is the first woman in the history of the 188th Wing to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Frye was promoted on Dec. 14, 1989, and was a member of the 188th Medical Training Squadron, which is now the 188th Medical Group. (Courtesy photo)





Colonel Anita Deason

Retired Arkansas National Guard Col. Anita Deason has joined U.S. Sen. John Boozman's staff in Little Rock as an adviser on military and veterans' issues.

Deason served 33 years in the military rising to the rank of colonel during her final assignment as human resources officer for the Arkansas National Guard. She had previously served as a platoon leader, detachment commander, company executive officer and company commander.

Deason earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and the Arkansas Commendation Medal. "It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve those that have served and those continuing to serve our country. I am excited to be on Sen. Boozman's team," Deason said.

March 5, 2015

General View of Station Hospital Ward, 1942



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General view of a Station Hospital Ward. The Gray Lady in the middle-ground is conducting a bingo game for the patients. 3/30/42.

Signal Corps Photo #162-42-7838. (Hydon)
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ELISABETH MCGOWEN

Fayetteville, AR



Recreation Reading Room, Station Hospital, 1942

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Red Cross Recreational Reading Room, Station
Hospital, Camp Robinson, Arkansas. L to r:

Pfc. Melton L. Boone,
Mrs. R. L. Stewart, visiting son, from
Alexandria, Louisiana, Pvt. Louis Tunison
(standing) 161st F.A., Pfc. L. G. Collins, 108th
Medical Regiment, and Mrs. H.L. Dickinson from
Little Rock, Arkansas. January 29, 1942.

Signal Corps Photo #162-42-111 by McGray, 162nd
Signal Photographic Company.

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Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officers



MG Mark Berry and MSgt Monica Murray





Retired State Command
Sgt. Maj. Deborah
Collins



Brigadier General Tamhra L. Hutchins-Frye



BG Hutchins-Frye entered the Air National Guard in 1984, as an airman first class, serving in the personnel customer service section.

- August 1989 became second lieutenant after completion of the Academy of Military Science as the Personnel Utilization Officer.
- 1992, she became first female full-time officer of the 188th Fighter Wing
- December 1994, became the first female commander of a unit in the 188th Fighter Wing
- May 2010, she began serving in her current position as the Director of Joint Staff.
- June 2016, became the first female Air Guard Brigadier General



**ARKANSAS GUARD PROMOTES**
*First Female Air Guard
Brigadier General*



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VIDEO BY SGT KATIE GRAY

Story by Sgt. Alejandro Smith-Antuna
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (June 4, 2016) — Friends and family gathered with excitement and levity to witness a ceremony honoring Col. Tamhra Hutchins-Frye as she was promoted to the rank of brigadier general with the Joint Force Headquarters for the Arkansas Air National Guard on Robinson Maneuver Training Center.

Hutchins-Frye is the first woman to attain the rank of general in the Arkansas Air National Guard and will be serving as the Director of the Joint Staff. As the director, she is responsible for managing the National Guard functions of the joint staff and joint-military program operations throughout the state.

"I spent time growing up in the back of Arkansas, in the country, and that really set me up for success [in the military]," Hutchins Frye said. "The girls were just as tough as the guys and had to keep up."

Hutchins-Frye entered the Air National Guard in 1984 hoping to become a pilot, but was told she "couldn't because I was a woman and could not be in combat." She did not let that dissuade her. "I loved the people I had met so far," she says "and decided to go ahead and join anyways!"

Maj. Gen. Mark Berry, The State Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard said, "This is a very significant day in the Arkansas National Guard. We now have two female generals in the state," referring to Brig. Gen. Patricia Anslow, Arkansas Army National Guard general. "I have high expectations and confidence in Brig. Gen. Hutchins-Frye and [I believe] she will live up to the standards and performance expected of a general officer in the United States military today."

Maj. Phylinthia Givens

Arkansas Air National Guard
Maj. Phylinthia Givens will
receive the prestigious
Technology All-Star Award
Nov. 2, 2007.



Sgt. Jennifer Champion

President Barack Obama visited Mayflower and Vilonia to tour the devastation. He also took time to meet with a select few first responders and Guard personnel who were quick to action to help their neighbors and friends on that fateful night April 27, 2014.

In this photo is our very own Sgt. Jennifer Champion, a combat medic, and single mother of four who lost everything in the storm. Despite her loss she immediately began moving through her neighborhood and rendering aid to her neighbors.



Lt. Bethany Jackson

Lt. Bethany Jackson of the Air National Guard piloted Blackhawk helicopters to evacuate wounded soldiers from combat zones in Iraq.



Women's Army Corps

WACs Arrive at their Barracks, 1943

Camp Robinson, Arkansas



Colonel (Ret) Karen D. Gattis



Colonel Karen D. Gattis assumed command of the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center from Colonel Steven Miles during an assumption of command ceremony on April 18, 2010.

Col. Gattis, who previously commanded the 77th Aviation Brigade at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, looked forward to her new assignment at the NGMTC.

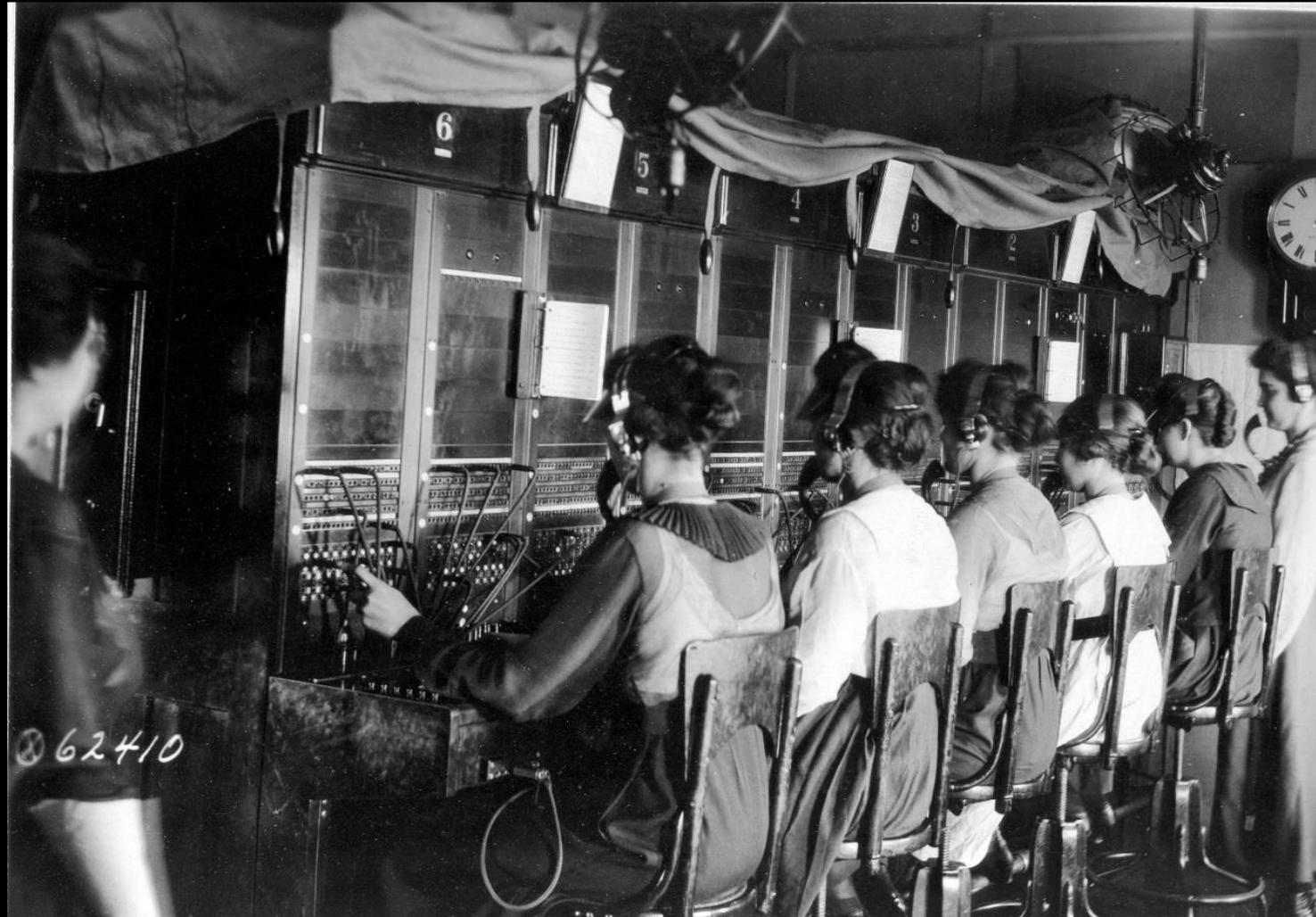
"The National Guard Marksmanship Center has a long history of excellence and I will ensure the quality will remain and the marksmen who come to our Center will leave here as highly skilled lethal weapons," she said.

Colonel (Ret) Mary Francis “Frankie” Sears

Mary F. "Frankie" Sears, a nurse who served with distinction in Operation Desert Storm, mirrored the new image of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Sears agreed to get involved with the National Cemetery Service that served the 114 cemeteries in 38 states and Puerto Rico. Mrs. Sears, who held the rank of colonel in the National Guard, was a graduate of the Army War College and was co-chairman of the Arkansas Governor's Commission on Veterans Affairs.



Camp Robinson Telephone Exchange - 1919



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CW4 Dorothy L. Sealy

Years of Service
28 Jun 73 to 25 Jul 01

Trailblazer for the women to come.

1st Battalion, 153d Infantry
"Always First"
39th Infantry Brigade (Separate)
Arkansas Army National Guard
Malvern, Arkansas



Colonel (Ret) Alicia “Cissy” Rucker



Colonel (Ret) Alicia “Cissy” Rucker, spent 33 years in the Arkansas National Guard, retiring with the rank of Colonel. Her assigned duties included Airfield Commander, Surface Maintenance Manager, Maintenance Manager and State Public Affairs Officer. She is a member of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee, as well the Women's International Helicopter Pilots Association.

