

# Sharing the Stories of Military Women from Every State & Territory



**STRIVE FOR 500 CAMPAIGN**



# Mission

The mission of the Military Women's Memorial is to honor and tell the stories of women, past and present, who serve our nation.



MILITARY  
WOMEN'S  
MEMORIAL

Changing the Face of Courage

# Vision

As the only historical repository documenting all military women's service, we educate and inspire through innovative and interactive exhibitions, our world-class collections, and engaging programs and events for all generations. We honor the commitment, contributions and experiences of every woman who served in, or with, the Armed Forces.

# The Memorial Education Center

The Centerpiece  
of our Mission

- Authorized by Congress in 1986
- The **ONLY** National Memorial honoring our military service women
- Built with private donations
- Dedicated in 1997
- Stands at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National Cemetery



Changing the Face of Courage

## The Foundation staff:

- Manages an **archive and artifacts collection** for exhibits and researchers
- Conducts programs that showcase **military women's service throughout history**
- Maintains a **Registry** of those who have served
- Maintains an **Oral History** program





Serving on the Homefront

WORLD WAR II 1941-1945

Serving on the Homefront  
A Great Britain poster encourages Americans to work hard and conserve resources for the war effort. The poster was part of a campaign to help the British during World War II. It was one of many posters that inspired Americans to do their part in the war effort.

U.S. CADET NURSE CORPS

Overseas with the Military



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# Honor


- The Memorial Education Center is the focal point for our programs honoring the service of Military Women from the Revolutionary War to the present
- **We showcase how** Military Women are serving in **EVERY** role
- Visitors learn about their service and are able to pay their respects to the sacrifices that these warriors have made for our freedom.



# Educate and Empower

We educate the public about women's service through:

- Our **Registry** – a database that digitally archives the stories of military women and makes them available to visitors and researchers
- Our **Oral History** program – preserving and sharing history in the first person
- Our **displays** - built from our large **artifacts collection** – donated by our military women
- Our **Programs on Military Women's History** are available as **classroom teaching resources**
- Hosting **traveling exhibits and documentaries**
- **Supporting researchers** examining women's roles in the military

Our  **HERstory** programs demonstrate **boundless possibilities through the personal stories** of women who have demonstrated courage, service and sacrifice in defense of the nation.

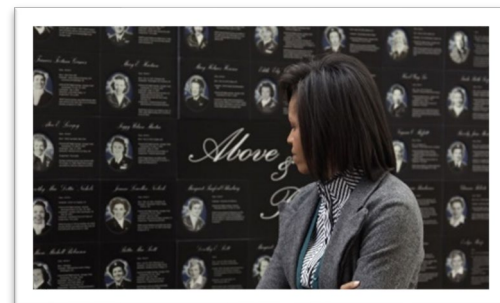
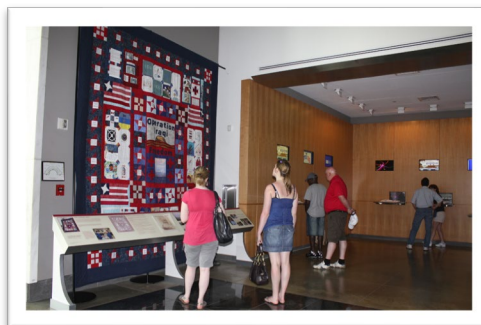
To learn more join us at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@WomensMemorial>



# Remember

- The history of Military Women that the Memorial preserves and makes available in our programs ensures that **their stories and sacrifices will always be remembered.**
- **Beyond simply remembering** – these stories serve to educate young Americans – from grade school children to scholars working on graduate studies.
- **Our Register, Oral Histories and Artifacts Collections** have been used in support of numerous documentaries and publications.
- Our Collections also support **other museum and exhibits** highlighting specific periods in our history or specific groups of military women.
- **Traveling exhibits are hosted** at the Memorial regularly. These serve to remember the fallen and celebrate historic moments in American history.



# How YOU can help

**326,721 of the 3 Million+ women veterans are registered in the national database**

STRIVE FOR FIVE HUNDRED Challenge to achieve at least 500 registrations from each state in 2025 with a **GOAL – 25,000**

**SERVICEWOMEN** bring something to the table Americans need to know —the story of a military woman.

**SERVICEWOMEN** are a proud part of American history.

Please ensure your constituents know how **IMPORTANT** it is to REGISTER every unique story – each a genuine national treasure — so it will not be **lost forever**.

***We can ONLY tell the stories that are in our National Database.***

***Every woman's military service matters.***



## Military Women's Memorial

The Military Women's Memorial is located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, honors and tells the stories of women, past and present, who serve our nation.

Without **HER**story our nation's history is incomplete

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[www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org)

Take your rightful place in history.  
Scan the QR Code with your cell phone to  
**Register HERstory**



REGISTER  
**HER  
STORY**  
*today!*



Join the thousands of women who have registered their **HER**story with the Military Women's Memorial





## SERVICE DATES

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Air Force 1996-2017

## MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

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Colonel Nicole Malachowski earned her commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1996 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and a minor in French. Following graduation she attended Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) at Columbus AFB, MS and began her career as pilot. Competitively selected to fly combat aircraft, she embarked on an adventure among the first of women to fly fighter aircraft. Colonel Malachowski has served as a mission ready fighter pilot in three operational F-15E fighter squadrons and has flown over 188 combat hours in both OPERATION DELIBERATE FORGE and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. She has served in combat as an F-15E Flight Commander, F-15E Evaluator, Instructor Pilot and Flight Lead. Colonel Malachowski is a Command Pilot with over 2,300 flight hours in six different Air Force aircraft: T-3, T-37, T-38, AT-38, F15E, and the F-16C/D. Her operational F-15E assignments include two tours duty at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom as well as one operational assignment to Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. She has also served alongside the United States Army 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Republic of Korea, as an Air Liaison Officer. During her second assignment to Seymour Johnson AFB, NC she had the honor of commanding the 333rd Fighter Squadron, leading an elite cadre of F-15 Instructors in the training of the next generation of combat aviators.

## AWARDS & DECORATIONS

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Air Force Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductee 2008

## WARS/CONFLICTS/ERAS

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Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq)

## OVERSEAS

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Korea

Member

**Col Nicole M. E.  
Malachowski, USAF Ret.**

## MEMBER ID

555804

## SERVICE

Air Force

## HIGHEST RANK

Col

# What is STRIVE FOR 500

Every State has **thousands** of women veterans whose stories are not in the National Database at the Military Women's Memorial

We are asking each state to add **500** new women's stories into the Memorial Database in 2025

Add our info to your website and newsletters. Engage our volunteer Ambassadors to assist at events



300 – 399



400 - 499



500 – 999



1,000 +

# SOUTH CAROLINA

2024 REGISTRATIONS

1,347

2025 GOAL

1,000 (518 YTD)

NEW REGISTRATIONS

CURRENT TOTAL SOUTH CAROLINA REGISTRATIONS

5,834 since 1988

*Living and deceased*



## STRIVE for 500 SOUTH CAROLINA Challenge

1,000 new registrations in 2025



2024 – Platinum



2025 - Gold

More than 45,000 women veterans in South Carolina

Register for FREE at:  
[womensmemorial.org](https://www.womensmemorial.org)



# TEXAS

2024 REGISTRATIONS

792

2025 GOAL

1,000 (917 YTD)

NEW REGISTRATIONS

CURRENT TOTAL TEXAS  
REGISTRATIONS

19,350 since 1988

*Living and deceased*



# STRIVE for 500 TEXAS Challenge

1,000 new registrations in 2025



2024 - Gold



2025 - Gold

More than 200,000 women veterans in Texas

Register for FREE at:  
[womensmemorial.org](https://womensmemorial.org)



**MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL STRIVE FOR 500 UPDATE  
22 MAY 2025**

# Monitor your State's Progress

We provide *STRIVE for 500* Updates (shown here) to gauge your state's progress. Highlight the opportunity for military (currently serving & veterans) women to add their story into the Military Women's Memorial database –

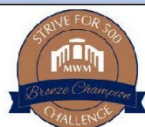
FREE to CREATE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT  
<https://womensmemorial.org/make-herstory/>

Awards will be presented at the NASDVA and NASWVC events in Cheyenne, WY in September 2025

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State/Territory	2024	2025	State/Territory	2024	2025
Alabama	107	106	Montana	48	14
Alaska	28	14	Nebraska	71	24
Arizona	221	144	Nevada	156	29
Arkansas	140	21	New Hampshire	62	33
California	564	237	New Jersey	102	63
Colorado	255	118	New Mexico	51	17
Connecticut	63	89	New York	260	124
Delaware	51	109	North Carolina	SILVER 1,251	426
District of Columbia	67	29	North Dakota	34	14
Florida	657	258	Ohio	427	159
Georgia	353	156	Oklahoma	107	28
Guam	6	16	Oregon	74	40
Hawaii	59	22	Pennsylvania	720	298
Idaho	63	16	Puerto Rico	10	0
Illinois	231	107	Rhode Island	29	15
Indiana	106	76	South Carolina	GOLD 1,338	518
Iowa	63	43	South Dakota	125	20
Kansas	65	41	Tennessee	228	74
Kentucky	199	83	Texas	GOLD 788	917
Louisiana	84	27	Utah	34	10
Maine	101	23	U.S. Virgin Islands	3	1
Maryland	369	171	Vermont	29	3
Massachusetts	193	82	Virginia	SILVER 923	493
Michigan	261	176	Washington	213	89
Minnesota	101	63	West Virginia	37	66
Mississippi	47	28	Wisconsin	177	62
Missouri	126	70	Wyoming	23	14



Bronze 300-399



Silver 400-499



Gold 500-999



Platinum 1000+

**GREEN = MORE Registrations in 2025 than in 2024!! BLUE = More than 50% of 2024 YTD - New Members 5,309 New Friends 626 New Organizations 39 TOTAL 5,974 (Current Pace would = 15,356 at end of year)**



**Charter Member**  
**Col Linda A. Schwartz**

**MEMBER ID**  
81317

**SERVICE**  
AF Nurse Corps

**HIGHEST RANK**  
Col

## SERVICE DATES

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AF Nurse Corps 1967-1986

## MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

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Highlights of my military career: - While stationed at Tachikawa USAF Hospital Japan, we received over 400 casualties from Vietnam (Hamburger Hill). Soldiers with only field dressing were being carried by other wounded. The spirit and courage of those men made it a great honor to care for them. - I was named to the American Academy of Nursing In 2001. - I was honored to be appointed the Commissioner of Veteran Affairs by Governor Jodi Reil for the State of Connecticut In 2003. - I served 11 years and six months as a Commissioner of Veteran Affairs for the state of Connecticut from 2003 to 2014. I became the Chief Advisor to the Secretary of Veteran Affairs on strategic planning and policy development. I was appointed by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Secretary of Veteran Affairs in the Office of Policy and Planning.

## AWARDS & DECORATIONS

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Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Award

## OVERSEAS

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Japan





# The National Repository

## Help us tell *HER*story



**The Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)3, responsible for the Operation and Maintenance of the Memorial.**

