



WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

ACTIVITY PACKET

Jobs for Women

Women have served in and supported the military since the Civil War in many different jobs. Over time, more and more jobs have become open to women. Jobs like:



Nursing



Pharmacist



Mechanic



Telephone Operator



Fighter Pilot



Chaplain

Mother of the Unknown Soldier Tree

- First memorial tree at ANC
- Memorial trees are trees that are dedicated to people, wars, and historical events
- This tree honors Gold Star Mothers (the mothers of those who died while serving in the military)
- ANC has over 140 memorial trees

Create Your Own Memorial Tree

In each open area on the tree, write the names of people that are important to you.



A memorial tree is a tree that is dedicated to a person or an events' memory.

Nurses Section

- Section 21 honors nurses who served in the military
- Women have always served as nurses during wars
- However, the military did not officially hire female nurses until 1898 during the Spanish-American War
- Today, over 30,000 nurses serve in the armed forces

A Nurse's Day

Spanish-American War nurses worked long, difficult days.



Morning

"We worked from 5:00 – 8:00 AM without food of any kind."



Breakfast

"When we went to breakfast, we would get black coffee and some kind of mush."



Work

"Then back to work until 8:00 PM [with only one 20-minute lunch break]."

Their duties included:

- giving ice baths
- dressing wounds
- preparing food and feeding soldiers
- administering medicine



Dinner

"I remember one dinner there was nothing but boiled cabbage and black coffee."

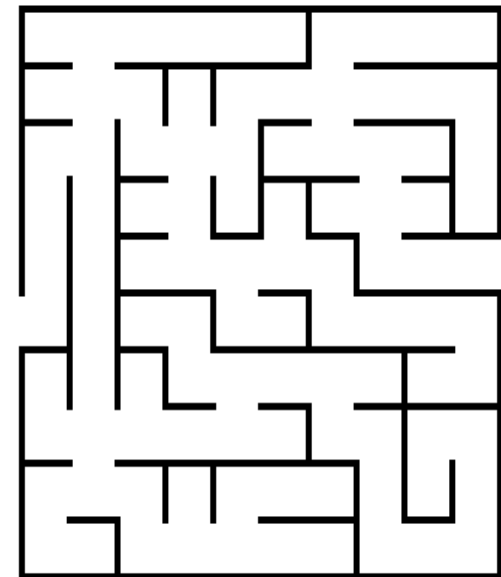
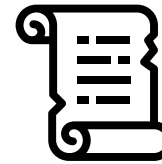
Dr. Ollie Josephine Baird Bennett



- Served as a surgeon in World War I
- Created the first modern medical emergency room in a government department
- Helped convince Congress to pass a law that let women receive the same benefits as male doctors

Maze

Help this bill turn into a law by getting it through the maze!



Success!
Your bill is now a law.

Freida Hardin



- Served in the Navy during WWI as a Yeoman (F)
- The F stood for **F**emale
- Wanted to serve to make a difference
- Removed from military service after the war ended, along with all women

Meet the WWI Yeomen (F)

- Yeoman is a military rank
 - Other military ranks are lieutenant, captain, general
- Yeomen (F) many different jobs, including:
 - Secretary
 - Translator
 - Fingerprint Analysis
 - Recruiter
- Yeomen (F) allowed men to leave their desk jobs to serve overseas in combat



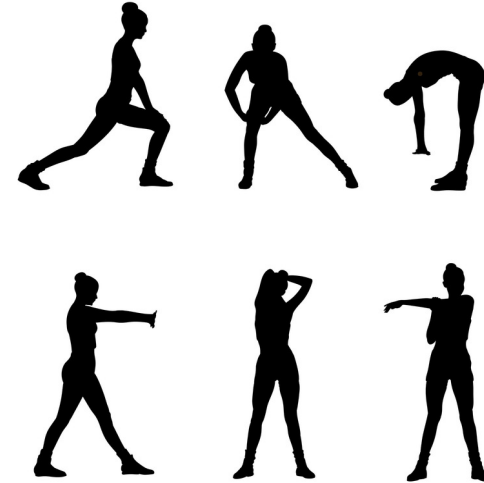
Emma Vogel

- Physical therapist, then called a "reconstruction aide" because they helped "reconstruct" the human body
- Vogel joined the military during WWI
- She helped men who were wounded in combat regain movement through exercises



Stretching Time

Physical therapists like Emma Vogel helped people stretch their bodies to feel better. Here are some stretches you can try.



Physical therapists still help people today. Here is an image of a nurse helping a soldier's shoulder feel better.



WWII: Women's Services

During WWII, women served in every branch of the military in women's branches:

Marine Corps
Women's Reserve

Women Airforce Service
Pilots (WASP)

Women's Army Corps
(WAC)

Coast Guard Women's
Reserve (SPARS)

Nurse Corps

Navy Women Accepted
for Volunteer Emergency
Service (WAVES)

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Can you identify which service the following women served in?

Lillian Harris



- Graduate of the first Women's Army Corps (WAC) class in 1942
- Served as an officer in World War II and helped manage Germany's surrender in Italy
- Served in Tokyo, Japan during the Korean War
- One of the first female logistics officers: Logistics officers make sure people and things get where they need to go

Word Scramble

Harris traveled all over the world during her time in the Army. **Rearrange the letters of each scrambled word.** Together, the unscrambled words will reveal the military organization Harris reported to during the Korean War.

ARF = _ _ _

Hint: The opposite of close

TSEA = _ _ _ _

Hint: The opposite of west

MACMOND =

_ _ _ _ _

Hint: To demand something of someone



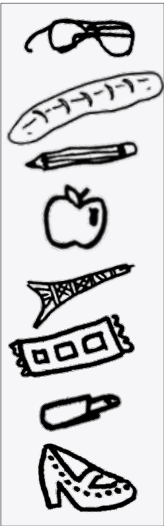
6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion

Look & Find: Sorting Mail in WWII

The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was the only unit of African American women who served in Europe during World War II.

The 6888 organized mail for soldiers from their families back home. Their work was important because letters and presents helped the soldiers stay positive and fight for their country.

Find the objects listed in the key that are hidden in the image below.



Mary Crawford Ragland



- Served in the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, a WAC (Women's Army Corps) unit
- Quickly processed a large amount of mail piled up in Britain and France
- Helped to increase the morale of the troops by giving them the ability to hear from loved ones back at home

Word Search: "No mail, low morale"

U	Q	F	R	H	Y	P	P	Y	J	L	U	Y
C	E	V	A	Z	N	R	B	A	X	E	T	O
P	R	S	E	G	A	K	C	A	P	T	V	Z
S	A	E	S	R	E	V	O	Z	Z	T	C	E
E	W	E	D	D	N	A	L	G	N	E	T	W
B	D	Q	C	I	M	A	E	L	A	R	O	M
G	P	N	W	N	T	D	O	F	E	S	P	M
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P	H	K	M	T	M	X	X	W	G	R	E	Z
Z	Y	S	N	I	W	M	N	Y	K	B	Z	R

- ARMY RIGHTS
- CREDIT SORT
- DELIVER
- ENGLAND
- FRANCE
- LETTERS
- MORALE
- OVERSEAS
- PACKAGES

Elaine Danforth Harmon



- Served as a WASP (Women Air Service Pilot) during World War II
- Studied complex math, weather patterns, and Morse code
- Flew planes in non-combat missions (testing plane capabilities, transporting planes, and training male pilots)
- Advocated for WASPs to be seen as veterans like male service members were — finally succeeded in 1977

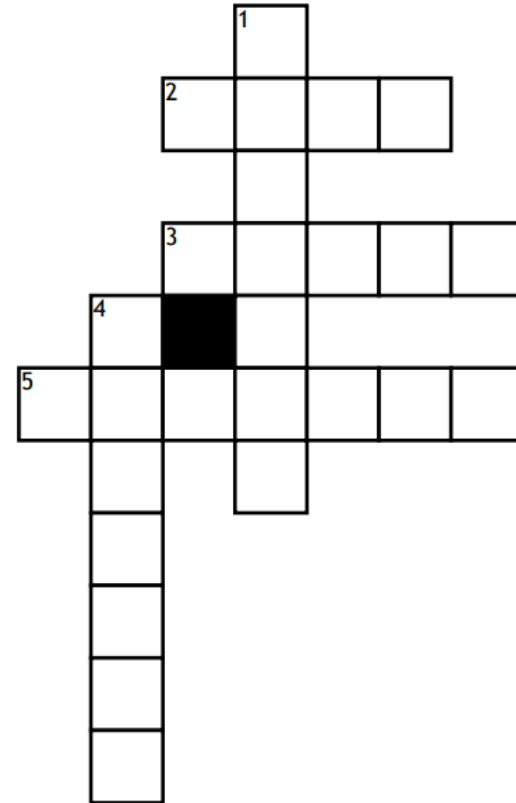
Catherine G. Murray



- Enlisted in the Marines during World War II
- Checked that vehicles were up to date and safe to use
- Wrote manuals to help train future female marines
- Retired after serving 20 years
- Achieved the rank of a Master Sergeant

World War II Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues below and the information about Catherine Murray and Elaine Harmon to complete the puzzle.



Across

2. Group Harmon served with during World War II
3. Someone who files planes
5. Someone who has served in the military

Down

1. Murray's military branch
4. Mode of transportation

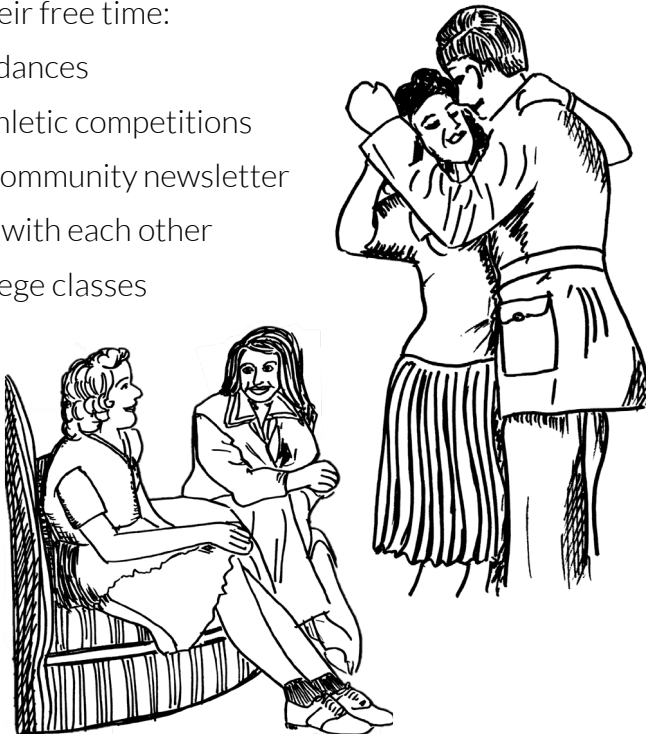
Arlington Farms

- World War II created many government jobs in Washington, D.C. to support the war effort
- Young women, called “government girls,” filled these jobs
- Many worked as typists and policy researchers
- The government created Arlington Farms to house them
- Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) also lived at Arlington Farms

Daily Life at Arlington Farms

- They often worked 6 days a week, 8-10 hours a day
- They spent their free time:
 - Attending dances
 - Hosting athletic competitions
 - Writing a community newsletter
 - Socializing with each other
 - Taking college classes

What do you like to do in your free time?



The Queen of Coding: Grace Hopper

- Math professor and one of the first computer programmers ever
- Helped the Navy create a machine that solved very big math problems automatically
- The technology she created helped the Navy create weapons and defense systems
- Inspired women and girls to learn about coding



Crack this code to reveal the mystery word and discover one kind of technology that Hopper’s data helped create:

R	P	M	E
M	K	P	M
M	P	O	M
C	T	M	S

How to crack the code:

1. Cross out all the letter “M”s and “P”s.
2. Unscramble the remaining letters.

Clue: The word begins with the letter R and ends with the letter S.

Hazel Johnson-Brown

- First female African American general in the U.S. Army
- Promoted the importance of academic scholarships for students interested in joining the military
- Helped to promote the nursing profession within the military



Nurse Word Decoder

Nurses provide care and comfort to service members, whether they are sick or were injured in combat.

When you are sick...












What makes you feel better?

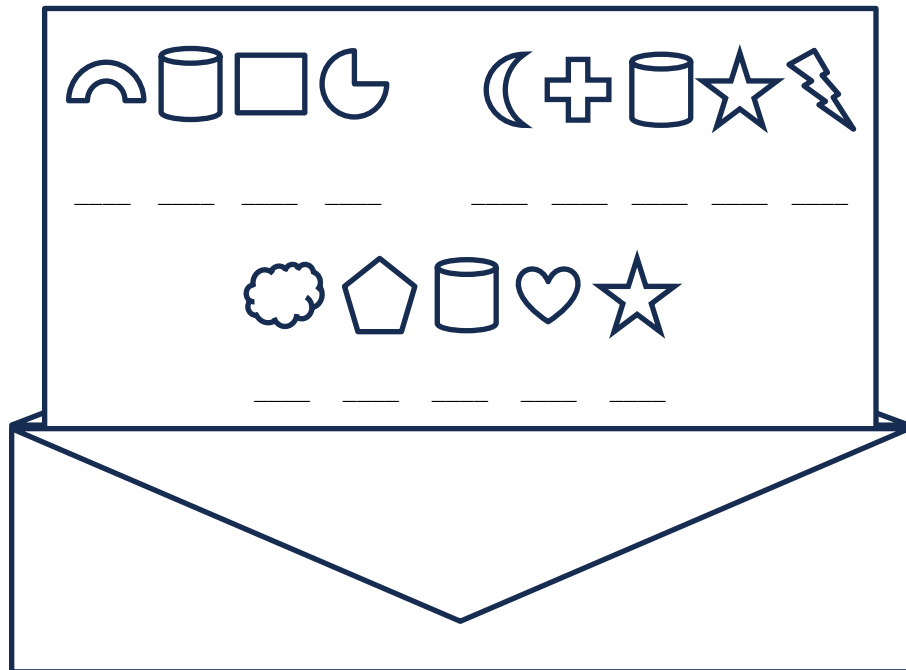
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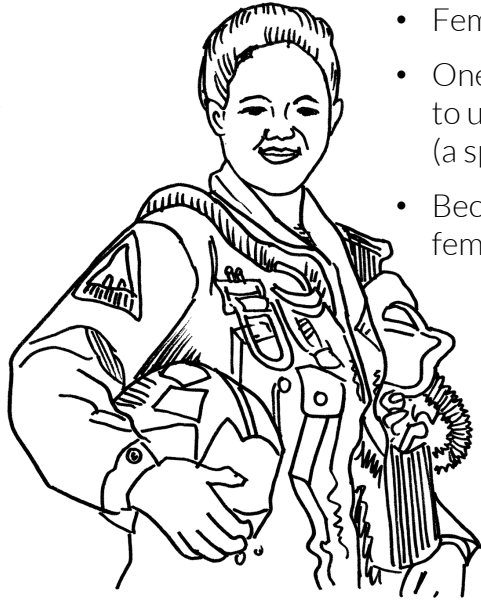
Use the corresponding letters and shapes to reveal what organization Hazel Johnson-Brown was a member of.

Answer: _____

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E = 	S = 	Y = 	M = 
O = 	R = 	U = 	



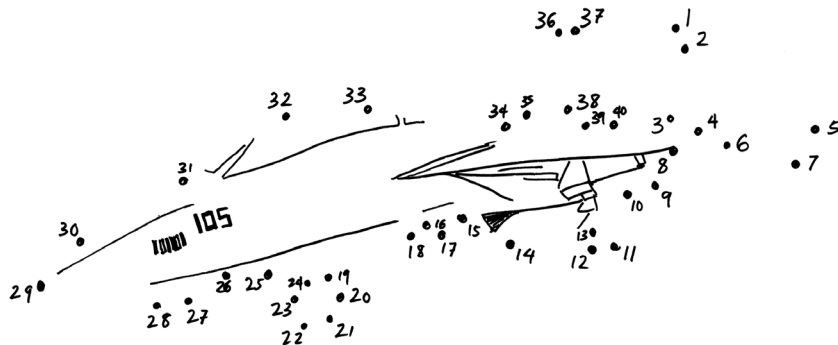
Kara Spears Hultgreen



- Female fighter pilot in the Navy
- One of the first female pilots to undergo F-14 Tomcat training (a special type of fighter jet)
- Became the first combat-qualified female naval aviator

Connect the Dots

Connect the dots to reveal Hultgreen's F-14 Tomcat!



Maria Ines Ortiz



- Puerto Rican
- Served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006 and 2007
- Killed while serving in Baghdad, Iraq
- First Army nurse to be killed in combat since the Vietnam War

Military Women's Memorial (MWM)

- The MWM honors and tells the stories of U.S. military women, from the Revolutionary War to the present
- Opened in 1997
- Has exhibits and an education center that holds a large collection of military women's stories

MWM was built with three design elements in mind...

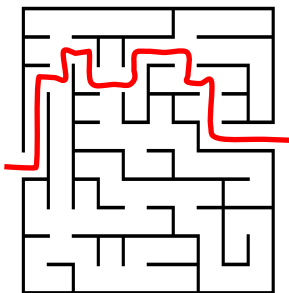
Can you find examples of these at the memorial?

Water

Passage

Light

Puzzle Key



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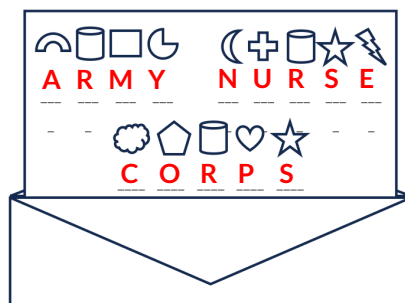
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Answer: **Army Nurse Corps**

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