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A Look a Women In The Military

In our newsletter this month, we want to identify and celebrate some of the many women who have military connections. For June, of course, comes right after our celebration of Memorial Day on the very last day of May. That holiday honors our citizens who have served in our military, many of whom have died while in service to our country's liberty. Women have served in our military, both officially and unofficially, since our country's founding. Let's get a sampling of some of the women in *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Have Changed America*.



Deborah Sampson is one of several women known to have fought in the Revolutionary War. In 1782, she did this by impersonating a male and enlisting as a man. Sampson later receives a pension for her valiant service and, in a rare and most unusual move, after her death, her husband is granted a survivor's pension.

Physician **Mary Edwards Walker** was the first woman to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. The medal recognized her medical services during the Civil War. She was the first female surgeon in the U.S. Army and was in charge of women prisoners in Louisville, KY. We have a marvelous picture of her in the book showing her wearing trousers, as she found it easier to manage her duties in less confining garments than the large hoop skirts women of that period were wearing.



Upcoming Events and Speaking Engagements

June

June 8 - Private event, Denver, CO

June 9 - WOVE, Denver, CO

June 10 - Women's Foundation of Colorado, Denver, CO

June 11 - 13 - AAUW, Denver, CO

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June 15- Highlands Ranch Book Club, Highlands Ranch, CO

Her Story Authors Write Article For New Edition of Kalon Women Magazine



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In 1966, **Wilma Vaught**, who would later become a Brigadier General, is the first woman to deploy with a Strategic Air Command (SAC) bombardment wing. Later, she is also the driving force in establishing the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. This organization raises the money to build The Women's Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the nearly two million women who have served our country.



In 1972, **Jeanne M. Holm** is the first woman in the U.S. Air Force to be promoted to Brigadier General. Two years later, she becomes the first woman Major General in all of the armed forces. General Holm wrote two books detailing the history of women in the

military and has also been recognized as a major contributor to assuring that women in the military achieved both equal privileges and equal opportunities.

Finally, we are pleased to remind you of the efforts of aeronautical engineer **Sheila Widnall**. She is the first woman to head one of the country's military branches when she becomes Secretary of the Air Force in 1993.

These women, and others who have significant connections to our financial institutions, are profiled in our book. We welcome your ideas as to other women we might include whose contributions to our financial health make a difference for all of us.

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