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The Military Women's Memorial Collection is comprised of the following:

Photographs: images from the American Revolution to the present, with particular strength from the Spanish-American War through the 1950s; original images from the private collections of individual servicewomen, official military photographs, and photographs from other museum and archival sources.

Documents: scrapbooks, diaries, letters and personal journals; service documents such as orders, commendations, promotions, discharge and enlistment papers, and training certificates; recruiting and public relations pamphlets and posters, cruise books, academic and training yearbooks; songbooks, holiday menus and recreational programs; and military and civilian newspapers, journals and magazines.

Artifacts: military-issue personal items such as first aid kits and grooming supplies; items reflecting popular culture such as paper dolls, Barbies® and buttons; personal collectibles from service in the United States and overseas; and medals, insignia and patches.

Textiles: uniforms of all services from World War I to the present including service dress, formal, fatigue and exercise clothing.

Audiovisuals: recordings of women's military bands, recruiting films and videos about military women.

Institutional Collection: Foundation newsletters and publications, memory book pages, blueprints, and National Design Competition entries.

The Collections is used to create permanent and temporary exhibits in the Military Women's Memorial at the Gateway to Arlington National Cemetery as well as special projects such as calendars, books, brochures, presentations, educational materials and social media. Outside researchers using the Collection include high-school students to PhD candidates, book authors, newspapers and magazines, the military services, and veterans' organizations. Items from the Collection are also available for loan to museums—from the national to the local level.

Every offer of memorabilia is important. However, space limitations and accepted collection policies and practices limit our ability to accept every item offered to us. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. We cannot guarantee the use or display of any item that is donated to the Collection.