**The Military Women’s Memorial Collections and Research Library**

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Although women have always volunteered in defense of our nation, many of their contributions have been forgotten and not recorded in today’s history books. Our mission is to collect, analyze, and make available the rich history of women’s service in and with the U.S. Armed Forces, beginning with the American Revolution to the present by collecting official and personal records, photographs, uniforms, personal and military-issue artifacts, and audiovisual material.

The Military Women’s Memorial Collection, formally established in 1994, houses some 8,000 donations from thousands of servicewomen, veterans, and their families and friends representing all eras and services as well as uniformed civilian women working with organizations supporting the military such as the American Red Cross, USO, YMCA and Salvation Army. Our Collection is a singular repository that brings to life the firsthand experiences of America’s servicewomen with photographs, correspondence, military documents, newsletters, scrapbooks and diaries, uniforms, quilts, and flags, objects such as medals, insignia, souvenirs and sports equipment, and audiovisual materials including film footage from World War II to recordings of women’s military music ensembles. We also house the institutional history of the Military Women’s Memorial—the first major national memorial to honor all servicewomen, past and present.

Explore our online Collections portal and experience our digital content with new materials being continually added!

**Discover History**

Formerly Curator’s Corner—can add Spotlight videos about Collection objects, collection highlights

**Listen to our Oral History Digital Collections**

[**https://womensmemorial.starter1ua.preservica.com/**](https://womensmemorial.starter1ua.preservica.com/)

The Military Women’s Memorial Oral History Collection includes more than 1,400 oral histories of women who served in and with the U.S. Armed Forces from World War I to the present day. Established in 2000, as the outgrowth of a book project by the Military Women’s Memorial staff, and a partnership with the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, the collection covers women’s service in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard and their predecessors such as the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps and Women’s Army Corps (WAAC/WAC), the Navy Women’s Reserve (WAVES), the Coast Guard Women’s Reserve (SPARs) and the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve. The collection includes women who served in the Reserve and National Guard components, those who deployed in combat operations, and those who served in peacetime. Visit our online portal to experience our ever-growing digital collections or contact us to learn about other collection resources accessible by appointment.

**Visit our Research Library**

[**https://www.librarycat.org/lib/MWMLibrary**](https://www.librarycat.org/lib/MWMLibrary)

The Military Women’s Memorial Research Library resources focus on women’s history of all the U.S. Armed Forces, from the American Revolution to the present, in wartime and peace. Library resources also cover uniformed civilian organizations which support the military such as the American Red Cross, USO,, YMCA and Salvation Army. Materials such as books, manuscripts and periodical address women’s contributions to all significant American conflicts and wars, examining the social, economic and cultural influences in American society that influenced and, in turn, were shaped by military women’s service. The library also includes resources on policy impacting women in combat, the treatment of gender identity and sexual orientation in the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as broader ranging topics that intersect with military women’s service and its history.

**Experience our Exhibits**

[**https://mwm.omeka.net/**](https://mwm.omeka.net/)

The Military Women’s Memorial offers virtual experiences of select in-person exhibits, online versions of some of our special exhibits, as well as virtual-only content here.

**Inquire about a Collection Donation**

**Coming soon! [This will be a part of the ArchivEra portal or we can create a form that looks something like** [**this**](https://www.mdhistory.org/library-donation-inquiry-form-object-history-form/) **Customized to our organization.]**

The Military Women’s Memorial welcomes inquiries about possible donations of items relating to military women’s service in and with the U.S. Armed Forces. We consider items such as books, manuscripts, oral histories, audiovisual recordings, uniforms and other textiles, firsthand accounts documented in correspondence, scrapbooks, diaries, photographs, and objects such as memorabilia, awards/medals, or other items relating to an individual’s time in service. All inquiries are evaluated in accordance with our Collections Management Policy, with respect to the Military Women’s Memorial mission, resources, facilities, and ongoing initiatives. Read more about how the Military Women’s Memorial uses the Collection to tell the stories of women’s service to the nation. [See attachment.] Learn more about general considerations for donating items to a repository like ours, [here](https://www2.archivists.org/publications/brochures/donating-familyrecs).

**Contribute an Oral History**

**Coming soon! [See attached Consent Form and Biographical data sheet].**

The Military Women’s Memorial currently collaborates with partner organizations to collect, preserve and share the oral histories of America’s servicewomen. Please contact us if you are interested in sharing your oral history. Learn more about preparing for and sharing your oral history here. Download required forms to accompany your oral history submission here to include: Consent and Release Form, Biographical Data Sheet. [See attachments]

**Submit a Research Request**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-pRLSTJEvA2SSJNmuLVdBChg8AyR_wgYeEijOzY9NYk/edit?ts=6243cf9b>

Interested in accessing our resources? Help us better understand your research needs by completing our research request form here. Our staff will respond to your request within ten business days.