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Leaving A Legacy

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In 2025, as our founding president Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught turned 95, we considered her legacy to all women who served. It was her dogged determination that finally brought the vision of a memorial and museum dedicated to honoring these women to existence. It seemed appropriate then to formally name our legacy giving program after her.



Brig Gen Vaught often said, "Bringing the Military Women's Memorial to life was the most important thing I have ever done and probably will ever do."

The Vaught Legacy Society honors donors who have generously included the Military Women's Memorial Foundation in their estate plans through some form of planned or deferred gift. Members of The Vaught Legacy Society have expressed a lifelong commitment to the future of the Military Women's Memorial by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of their own legacy. We are grateful for their partnership in this noble pursuit.



How will we handle your gift?

- It is **your** gift—you are in charge. If **your** plans change or **you** decide to change beneficiaries, there is absolutely **no** obligation.
- We would appreciate knowing about **your** plans so we can recognize **you** appropriately—but if **you** wish to remain anonymous, we will absolutely respect that.
- As a 4-star rated nonprofit organization, we will continue to maintain the highest standards for governance and financial transparency to remain worthy of **your** trust.



No matter the gift, we will be eternally grateful for your support and honored to have you join with us in ensuring that we can continue to honor and tell the stories of all women who have served.

How does the Legacy Society work?

Membership in **The Vaught Legacy Society** is conferred upon those who have communicated to the Military Women's Memorial Foundation their intention to make a planned or deferred gift. Such gifts might include a bequest, charitable trust, charitable gift annuity, retirement plan assets, or a gift of property with a retained life estate, etc.

Once you complete your estate plans, we encourage you to fill out our *Confidential Letter of Intent*, which allows us to recognize you for your generosity and welcome you as a new member of The Vaught Legacy Society.

What are the obligations and benefits of joining The Vaught Legacy Society?

Your membership involves no dues and no obligations, but it does allow us to thank and recognize you now for the plans you have made, and it may inspire generosity in others.

Remember—there are no obligations—you can change your legacy plans at any time.

In addition to a welcome letter and Certificate of Membership, Legacy Society Members receive invitations to special events either at the Memorial or locally when our staff is providing programming or participating in events in your area.

Perhaps the most important benefit Legacy Society membership provides is the satisfaction of knowing you are making a lasting impact on the future of the Military Women's Memorial and the many women whose stories of service live on forever as a result.

Do I have to inform you of changes?

No, but if your plans change, it would be helpful if you do. Knowledge of planned future gifts help us plan effectively for the future of the Memorial.

Will I stop receiving information about other opportunities to support the Memorial if I join the Legacy Society?

No, not unless that is your wish. We try to honor the communications preferences of our members and friends. But we hope you will want to continue to hear about our programs and plans since your support has been, and will continue to be, essential to the sustainment and evolution of the Memorial.

How do I get started?

If you have already made plans for a gift to the Military Women's Memorial in your estate plans—just complete and submit a *Confidential Letter of Intent* and you will receive your welcome letter and Vaught Legacy Society certificate.

If you have not yet made plans to include the Military Women's Memorial in your legacy planning, you would need to review your desired revisions with your attorney or estate planner. Once done, complete a *Confidential Letter of Intent* which can be obtained on our website:

<https://womensmemorial.org/leave-a-legacy>

Once you complete the *Confidential Letter of Intent*, you can email it to:

acct@womensmemorial.org

or mail it to:

Military Women's Memorial
Attn: Accounting Dept.
200 North Glebe Rd., Suite 400
Arlington, VA 22203



For bequest language:

If you are interested in leaving a legacy gift to the Military Women's Memorial by bequest, this sample language may help:

"After taking care of all expenses, debts and other specific provisions, I give, devise and bequeath —% of the rest and residual [or \$— if you desire to leave a specific amount] to the Military Women's Memorial, a 501(c)(3) charity (52-1513535) with offices located at 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22203.

For further assistance:

Please reach out to our Finance and Accounting Department: acct@womensmemorial.org
(703) 822-7270

You can also find more information about Legacy Gifts on our website: <https://womensmemorial.org/leave-a-legacy>

Please note: This information is not intended as legal, accounting, or other professional advice. For assistance in charitable planning, please consult an attorney for legal guidance.

Cover photos: Jovita Tellez, Regina Benson, Clara Evans pictured with themselves when they served. **Left page:** Top, Clara Evans; Bottom, L-R: Sandra Lawrence, Elisabeth Taylor, Gena Fischle, Martha Baker, Evelyn Carroll, Alberta Nelson, Anna Bernabe Kelly, Amanda Derequito, Christine Inouye, Betsy Tanner.



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Your service, your story, your Legacy—it is our honor to preserve it!