



DID YOU KNOW?



Vernice Armour is the first African American female Marine Corps pilot. She flew the AH-1W SuperCobra attack helicopter during the *2003 invasion of Iraq* and served 2 tours in *Operation Iraqi Freedom*.

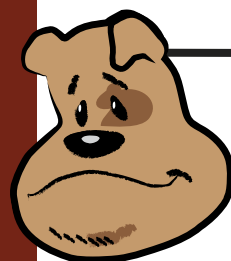
In 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established a directive that barred discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in all Federal agencies. That included the military services. **African Americans could become Marines.** These first black recruits trained at Montford Point, North Carolina, in a segregated camp. After earning the title "U.S. Marine," most of these new Marines prepared to support the war effort. The Marines fought many tough battles against the Japanese in the Pacific during World War II. In 1949, the camp at Montford Point was deactivated, and all recruits from that time on went to boot camp together at either Parris Island, South Carolina, or San Diego, California.

To learn more visit:
www.montfordpointmarines.com



"MONTFORD POINT MARINE" Word Search!

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Kids, help Chesty find the following words
in the word scramble above:

AFRICAN AMERICAN
GILBERT JOHNSON
SEGREGATED

CAMP LEJEUNE
INTEGRATION
MONTFORD POINT

EDGAR HUFF
KELLER ROCHER



In 1987, the United States Congress designated March as **Women's History Month**. It is a celebration of the contributions women made to history. Since 1918, thousands of American women have proudly claimed the title of **United States Marine**. Today, Women Marines comprise about **6%** of the active duty force.

Women Marine Firsts

Match the names of the Women Marines on the right to their achievements.



Brigadier General
Margaret A. Brewer

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| 1. _____ The first female to enlist in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1918. | A. Sarah Deal |
| 2. _____ The first Director of Women Marines. (1948) | B. Bertha P. Billeb |
| 3. _____ The first female promoted to Sergeant Major. (1961) | C. Katherine A. Towle |
| 4. _____ The first woman Marine general officer. (1978) | D. Opha Mae Johnson |
| 5. _____ The first woman Marine pilot. (1995) | E. Margaret A. Brewer |

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Answer Key 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-E, 5-A



The **Navajo Code Talkers** played a key role in helping to defeat the Japanese forces in the Pacific theater during the Second World War. Using the ancient language of the Navajo people, the unique code used by the code talkers was never deciphered by the enemy.

Hispanic Marine Officer Completes Space Walk

Born in Peru in 1959, **Carlos Noriega** moved to the United States as a young boy. Following his graduation from the University of Southern California, he flew CH-46 helicopters for the United States Marine Corps. In 1994, **LtCol Noriega** was selected by **NASA** for the astronaut program. Noriega served as a mission specialist, performing three space walks and logging a total of **481 hours in space**.



Lieutenant Colonel
Carlos Noriega



Diversity Matching

Match the description on the left to the person on the right.

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| 1. Montford Point Marine | A. Bill Toledo |
| 2. Woman Marine | B. Edgar Huff |
| 3. Navajo Code Talker | C. Margaret A. Brewer |

Answer Key 1-B, 2-C, 3-A