

# WOMEN IN THE USMC



Match the photo with the correct time period!

When the Marine Corps first began on 10 November, 1775, women were not allowed to join.

There is a legend that the first woman to become a Marine was Lucy Brewer, who disguised herself as a man and served during the War of 1812 on the USS Constitution. (There is no evidence to support this.)

In August 1918, women were officially allowed to join the Marine Corps for the first time. The first woman to sign up was Private Opha Mae Johnson. The women who served in the Marine Corps during World War I freed men from administrative duties and allowed more men to go overseas into combat. At the end of the war, the women were relieved of their duties in the Corps.

When World War II began, women were again allowed to join the Marine Corps. Women Marines made it possible for 90% of male Marines to be deployed (the highest percent of any other armed force). By the end of the war, there were nearly 19,000 female Marines. After World War II, women were allowed to remain in the Corps during peacetime for the first time.

The Korean War was the third war that Women Marines were involved. Women, again, played an important role in performing duties that would allow more men to be deployed.

During the Vietnam War, Woman Marines were allowed to serve in a combat zone in a non-combat role for the first time. Master Sergeant Barbara Jean Dulinsky was the first Woman Marine to reach Vietnam.

In 1997, the first group of Women Marines completed the male/female integrated Marine Combat Training Course at Camp Geiger, NC.

In 2004, the Marine Corps developed the Lioness Program, which attached female Marines to combat units to conduct culturally sensitive searches of Iraqi women and children. The "Lionesses" also trained Iraqi women how to conduct searches of other women. This program gave Women Marines more equality with their male counterparts on the frontlines.

In 2009, an All-Female Marine Team conducted their first mission in Afghanistan.

1. World War I \_\_\_\_\_
2. World War II \_\_\_\_\_
3. Korean War \_\_\_\_\_
4. Vietnam War \_\_\_\_\_
5. Modern \_\_\_\_\_

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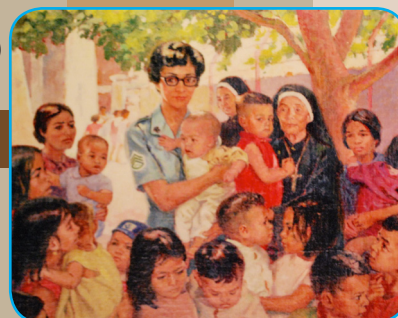
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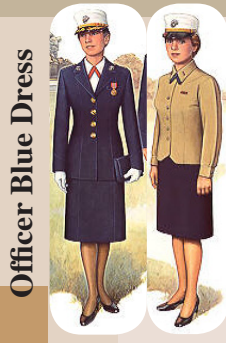
# Matching Women Marine Firsts!

1. \_\_\_\_ The first woman to officially enlist in the Marine Corps Reserve (1918).
2. \_\_\_\_ The first Director of Women Marines (1948).
3. \_\_\_\_ The first Woman Marine to be awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroism (1952).
4. \_\_\_\_ The first woman promoted to Sergeant Major (1961).
5. \_\_\_\_ The first Woman Marine general officer (1978).
6. \_\_\_\_ The first Woman Marine pilot (1995).
7. \_\_\_\_ The first female to assume the duties of senior enlisted Marine at Marine Barracks Washington (2013).

- A. Sarah Deal
- B. Bertha P. Billeb
- C. Katherine A. Towle
- D. Opha Mae Johnson
- E. Barbara O. Barnwell
- F. Margaret A. Brewer
- G. Angela Maness



Evening Dress



Officer Blue Dress



Enlisted Blue Dress



Officer Service Uniform



Enlisted Service Uniform



Utility Uniform

## Women Marines Word Search

E O O A P S R F X N Q M R O S  
 K N L C D O S C V S U R P Y S  
 X R I V L W N P K J M H S B E  
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This statue is a replica of the first statue of a female service member in uniform. The first Molly Marine statue was dedicated on 10 November, 1943, in New Orleans.

MOLLY MARINE  
 LIONESS  
 OPHA MAE JOHNSON  
 WOMEN MARINES

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