

OUR PLACE IN HERSTORY

~While the oldest military service in America does not officially state who the first woman to join its ranks was, most historians agree that it was **Deborah Sampson**. An indentured servant, Sampson joined the **Continental Army** in May 1781 -- though some reports place the year at 1782 -- and because women were not permitted to serve in the military, she disguised herself as a man by the name of Robert Shurtleff.

~The first woman to enlist in the **U.S. Navy** was **Loretta Perfectus Walsh** on 17 March 1917. She was also the first American active-duty navy woman, and the first woman allowed to serve as a woman in any of the United States armed forces, as anything other than as a nurse.

~**Esther McGowin Blake** was the first woman to serve in the **U.S. Air Force**. Blake first joined the Army Air Force in 1944 and was the first woman to enlist for regular Air Force duty when service within the newly founded branch was authorized for women on July 8, 1948.

~There's some debate between historians as to whether or not the 19-year-old twin sisters **Genevieve and Lucille Baker** were the first women to join the Coast Guard, or if it was **Myrtle R. Hazard**, who became the service's first female electrician on Jan. 21, 1918.

That same year, the Baker sisters came over to the **Coast Guard** from the Naval Coastal Defense Reserves, where they were previously serving. However, Hazard is the first woman to officially take the oath of enlistment for her service.

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~**Opha May Johnson** was the first woman to have enlisted in the **United States Marine Corps**. She joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 1918, officially becoming the first female Marine. At age 40, married she still had to get her husband's approval to join.



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