



**Celebrating Women's History Month
"Women's Education – Women's Empowerment"**

1 – 31 March 2012

Across many years and cultures, women have fought to be empowered and treated equal to their male counterparts. Education has long been considered the great equalizer in society, giving every person -- regardless of race, gender or creed -- the knowledge and skills necessary to make the most of opportunities. After the American Revolution, basic educational opportunities for women and men were created as a safeguard for democracy, and that commitment to education laid the foundation for women to make indelible contributions in every field, including security and defense.

We have all benefitted tremendously from the distinguished service and selfless sacrifice of women at all levels of our Army and our Nation. Throughout our Army's 236-year history, women have served this Nation valiantly and with distinction, in times of peace and war. Our Army remains immensely proud of the accomplishments and the sacrifices of these brave women as they continue to courageously serve as Soldiers, Civilians and Family members.

History is clear: when put to the test, our Army women have displayed incredible intelligence, leadership, patriotism and courage. As we celebrate Women's History month, we encourage our entire Army Family to plan and execute commemorative activities that celebrate and pay tribute to the countless contributions of all women to our Nation.


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