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Celebrating Women's History Month
"Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination:
Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics"

"If we're going to out-innovate and out-educate the rest of the world, we've got to open doors for everyone... and that means clearing hurdles for women and girls as they navigate careers in science, technology, engineering, and math."

~ First Lady Michelle Obama, September 26, 2011

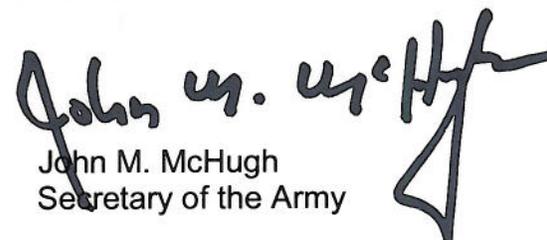
The American Revolution brought sweeping change to our country. From our beginning, we banded together to become the United States of America, a Nation founded on the novel ideals of independence and equality. Just as all Americans began to demand individual rights and a government that rested on the will of the people, women stood shoulder-to-shoulder with their fellow countrymen, committed to safeguarding our fledgling democracy. Those actions laid the foundation for women to participate in fields from science and technology to engineering and mathematics that have allowed the United States to lead the world.

The empowerment of women has made possible significant contributions to our military and has provided us with role models for future generations. We need look no further than Dr. Mary E. Walker to find a woman whose courage earned her the Medal of Honor during the Civil War while performing her duties as one of the country's first female physicians. General (Ret.) Ann Dunwoody broke new ground in our Army as the first female four-star general; and then she went on to blaze trails in science and technology as she ably commanded the Army Materiel Command. Today we can look to Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, 43rd Army Surgeon General and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command, and her top Non-Commissioned Officer, Command Sergeant Major Donna Brock, for inspiration. From these ladies and all who have followed in their bold footsteps, we have benefitted tremendously.

Throughout our Army's 237-year history, women have served this Nation valiantly and with distinction in times of peace and war. We are proud of their accomplishments and grateful for their sacrifices as Soldiers, Civilians and Family members. As we honor the contributions of women during this month, we encourage our entire Army Family to plan appropriate commemorative activities in celebration of women whose leadership, courage, and patriotism have made our Army the Strength of the Nation.


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