

In Memory of...

*A TRIBUTE TO FRIENDS, FAMILY,
AND FALLEN COMRADES*

PLAQUE XIII

U.S. Army Women's Foundation, Inc.

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The 2003-2004 Bronze Memorial Plaque (XII) located in the memorial garden at the U.S. Army Women's Museum, Fort Lee, Va.



T/4 Frances L. Todd, from West Virginia, enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in Feb. 1945. She trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. and was assigned to Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga. as a medical technician. An avid swimmer she taught swimming to young people for many years. The photo on the front cover shows members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment, "The "Old Guard," at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., as they prepare to render final military funeral honors at Todd's interment on Oct. 31, 2006. (Family photo from *The Washington Post*)

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The Bronze Memorial Plaque Program

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation memorial program provides a visible means for Foundation supporters to recognize deceased family, friends, and colleagues with a permanent monument. The program began with the dedication of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) Museum at Fort McClellan, Ala. in 1977. When Fort McClellan closed in 1999 the contents of the Museum were moved to Fort Lee, Va. The U.S. Army Women's Museum was dedicated in May 2001 with a new mission: to represent the service of women across all elements of the U.S. Army from inception to the present day.

Nine memorial plaques were moved with other Museum artifacts to Fort Lee; an additional three have been dedicated since. Each plaque lists names of friends, family, or colleagues. A minimum contribution of \$100.00 was donated for each name listed. Most of the names are for those who have died in the two year period covered by the plaque, however, if a person has been missed the name can be added later.

Plaque XIII covers from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006 and includes the names of 208 individuals. Under the *Fallen Heroes* section, 30 women who died as a result of their service in either Afghanistan or Iraq are listed. Five Army women who died in the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 are also added. The Army Women's Foundation ensures that all women soldiers killed in a war zone are included in the *Fallen Heroes* section of the plaque at the Foundation's expense.

Most persons listed on the plaque have served in the Army, but the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) are also represented, as are civilian family members and friends.

The twelve plaques at the Army Women's Museum memorialize over 2,400 individuals. The persons included on the plaques are a diverse group. A handful are well known, but most are not. General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, was instrumental in the creation of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) and the WAC; he is on Plaque II.

Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, the first WAAC/WAC director, is on Plaque VIII; she served as the first Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare under President Eisenhower. She was the owner of the *Houston Post* newspaper.

Comedian Bob Hope is listed on Plaque XII. A staunch supporter of the military, he was noted for his trips to remote areas and war zones around the world to entertain troops from World War II through Gulf War I.

Army women who died in incidents such as the Gander, Newfoundland plane crash in 1985 (III), Gulf War I (VI), and in the explosion at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City (VIII) are remembered on the plaques indicated in parenthesis.

The memorial program is a permanent and visible commitment to the memory of our friends, family and comrades.

To read more about the Memorial Plaque Program, visit the Army Women's Foundation web site, www.awfdn.org, look under "Programs," then under "Bronze Memorial Plaque."

The plaque is made of bronze, finished for outdoor placement, and will be installed in the Memorial Garden at the Army Women's Museum in the fall 2007. The plaque is made by Jullien Designs, Woodbridge, Va.

In Memory of...2005-2006

COL Patricia L. Accountius
 1LT Miriam Alex
 SP7 Anna L. Asmus
 SGT Ruby A. Bealmer
 T/4 Louise B. Bejma
 LTC Hedwig C. Belin
 SP2 Betty Lou Benner
 SGM Julia A. M. Bennett
 Yvonne Bernier
 COL Barbara J. Bishop, USMC
 T/5 Helen Bochner
 SFC Marilyn A. Bodenstedt
 SGT Rose C. Borszich
 LTC Hortense M. Boutell
 MSGT Ella Bradbury, USAF
 COL Elizabeth H. Branch
 Ruby V. Braun, WAAC
 Carole Brigham
 CPL Alice E. Brown
 SGT Millicent Buckner
 SGT Vonnie D. Buczek
 CPL Rose Cahall
 SSG Dorris S. Carel
 T/4 Susan M. Cohea
 Mary Nita Collins
 T/SGT Ida M. Comys
 SGT Ruth P. Coster
 SGT Ester Couter
 Clemon Crawford
 MAJ Lillian C. Crowley
 Mae Cunningham
 T/5 Allie Lee Dameron
 Marjorie F. Day
 SFC Patsy J. Deckard
 MSG Irene DeFabio
 SFC Florence Del Rosso
 T/5 Edward T. DePue
 T/5 Betty J. Dickie
 SGT Dorothy Dickes
 SP7 Flora B. Dreier

SGM Elizabeth Drexler
 PFC Louise A. Drumm
 SGT Edna M. Dryden
 SGT Charlotte Dudek
 COL Mary Ellen Edwards
 LTC Virginia Porter Elia
 Gloria Stanfield Farghar, WAC
 LTC William J. Fedeli
 Phyllis T. "Toby" Felker, WASP
 SPC Kirsten Fike
 SGT Ethel F. Fillion
 SSG Carolyn Ford
 MSG Pamela K. Fox
 MG Kathryn G. Frost
 LaJean Fyfe, WWII
 SGT Nettie V. Gagner
 T/SGT Helen S. Gallogly
 SFC Shirlee J. Gardinier
 SP5 Earlene Garner
 SSG Ruth Gauger
 Vivian A. Ginsky, WAC
 COL Emily C. Gorman
 T/4 Marguerite W. Gough
 RM2 Elizabeth Grab, USN
 CPL Frances K. Graham
 PVT Gladys E. Grimm Graham
 MAJ Elna H. Grahm
 Helen R. Green
 Ernestine Gregware, WAC
 LTC Dorothy Grey
 Arlene Hall
 PFC Lucille N. Hall
 COL Mary A. Hallaren
 1LT Wilma H. Hampton
 Nellie P. Harris, WAC
 T/5 Mary Funderok Hart
 SGT Estella K. Bloemer Hastings
 SFC Linda W. Haynie
 SP5 Carol J. Heard
 PFC Evelyn Henderson
 MSG Evelyn H. Hine
 T/4 Melba Miller Holbrook
 SGT Lillian Holub
 COL Beverly A. Hoot

1LT Genevieve Ill
 Dorothy Janak
 MSG Mary H. Johnson
 Florence Kappesser
 COL Marie Kehrer
 Roberta M. Kincaid, WAC
 Gloria King
 T/SGT Polly Kitchen
 T/5 Ileene Klepfer
 Jeane M. Kramer
 LTC Ruth Kuhl
 LTC Ruby R. Lassiter
 PFC Janis L. Leonard
 SFC Irene Lewis
 Gene Lloyd
 CPL Joyce M. Long
 CPL Irma Manke
 MSGT Ulvabelle Mason, USAF
 SGT Pearlie Hargrave McKeogh
 Marian R. McNaughton
 Beatrice B. Metrick
 Dorothy T. Miller
 Edna Minsky, WAC
 SFC Elsie R. Missar
 SGT Estelle Dawsey Mohr
 Peggy Mowrey
 Lillian Mulligan
 Brigadier Eileen Nolan, WRAC
 SGT Rosemary Nunn
 MSG Vivian A. O'Rourke
 Frances Oberlander
 SFC Genean Orgill
 SSG Florence Pak
 CPL Cleta J. Parker
 SP5 Leslea S. Pidgeon
 Olive F. Pollock
 2LT Bertha C. Potts
 Anna Presnell
 Rose Prince
 Alice Mae Przyshtarz
 LTC Frances E. Pugh
 SGT Mary P. Puskar
 Loretta J. Quinn
 SSG Marie E. Ramsey
 MAJ E. Jane Reed
 Irene H. Reitz, WAC
 Carolyn M. Reuter, USMC

MSG Edna Rich
 CPL Margaret B. Rogers
 SFC Anita Rose
 Mrs. Geraldine Roth
 1SG Ethel E. Rowe
 MSG Delia R. Ruckman
 T/4 Lillian M. Sanders
 MAJ Virginia M. Schmidt
 1LT Zola M. Schumacher
 MSG Donna J. Sessions
 CPL Catherine L. Settle
 SFC Ann Shepherd
 LTC Dorothy Sherba
 T/4 Ruth Lillian Shotts
 SGT Mary A. Silvis
 COL Ruth L. Simmons
 1LT Sylvia Singer
 T/5 Clementine Skinner
 PFC Gertrude Smith
 LTC Hazel I. Snowden
 MSG Samuel H. Solloway
 Bertha M. Solomon, WWII
 Olga "Mickey" Starks
 Margaret Leach Stoddard, WAC
 LTC Catherine Strong
 Helen Taylor
 SP7 Jean N. Taylor
 Edith Thrun, WAC
 T/4 Frances Todd
 SFC Lavon W. Todd
 LTC Dorothy Van Wagoner
 T/3 Virginia L. S. Vance
 T/5 Frances M. Victor
 LTC Mona L. Voinche
 SGT Doris E. Voss
 CPL Arline H. Wall
 CPL Jane Whisler
 COL Edith Whitelow
 Olive M. Wicker, USA
 Alice Wilson, USA
 SGT Pearl L. Windham
 T/4 Elnora Young

The names above and the names of the
 Fallen Heroes on the next page will be on
 Plaque XIII.

Fallen Heroes

The Pentagon -- 9/11/2001

SP4 Chin Sun Pak
 SP5 Diana Borrero de Padro
 SGT Tamara Thurman
 LTC Karen J. Wagner
 SSG Maudlyn White

Operations Enduring & Iraqi Freedom

SGT Julia Velinda Atkins
 1LT Debra Anne Banaszak
 SGM Barbaralien Banks
 SPC Katrina Lani Bell-Johnson
 1LT Jaime Lynn Campbell
 MAJ Gloria Dean Davis
 PFC Amy Alisha Duerksen
 SGT Jeannette Thomas Dunn
 CPL Carrie Lee French
 SPC Toccara Renee Green

PFC Hannah Leah Gunterman
 SGT Jennifer Marie Hartman
 SGT Jessica Marie Housby
 SFC Merideth Leigh Howard
 1LT Ashley Lane Henderson Huff
 PFC Sam Williams Huff
 SGT Wakkuna Almira Jackson
 SFC Tricia Lynn Jameson
 PFC Lavena Lynn Johnson
 SGT Denise Adelle Lannaman
 SGT Myla Lumayag Maravillosa
 2LT Emily Jazmin Tatum Perez
 SGT Amanda Nicole Pinson
 PFC Tina Marie Priest
 SPC Aleina Ramirez-Gonzalez
 SGT Regina Christina Reali
 SGT Lizbeth Robles
 SPC Adriana Nicole Salem
 SPC Chrystal Gaye Stout
 1LT Laura Margaret Walker

Selected Biographic Sketches

A few words are included on the next several pages about some of our beloved comrades and friends. Space and time do not permit mentioning all, but be assured there is an inspirational story behind every name on the plaque! If you would like to share your memories of one of these women or men please contact the Army Women's Foundation through the web site (www.awfdn.org), by emailing tellyourstory@awfdn.org, or by writing to the U.S. Army Women's Foundation, Post Office Box 5030, Fort Lee, Va. , 23801-0030.



Col. (Ret.) Patricia A. (Pat) Accountius from Lima, Ohio, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps in 1952. She served as a dietician at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and at Army hospitals in Okinawa and Vietnam. She was later chief dietician in the Office of the Surgeon General in Washington DC and at the Health Services Command in San Antonio, Tex. She was active in many organizations and served on the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Board of Directors. She remained active in retirement before succumbing to cancer Nov. 7, 2006. (Photo shows then Lt. Col. Accountius at her desk in Vietnam; from her files)

Col. (Ret.) Elizabeth H. (Betty) Branch, born in Stamford, Conn., enlisted in the WAAC in July 1942. Early assignments included England during the Blitz and France where she heard the artillery each evening. In 1946 she was assigned to Nanking, China to the mission headed by General George C. Marshall. Later she commanded the Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Ala. She retired following an assignment as command historian in Vietnam. (Photo shows Col. Branch in Vietnam; courtesy Catherine Bander)



Sgt. Major (Ret.) Julia A. M. Bennett, from Ashville, N.C., joined the WAC in 1958 and served on active duty for 28 years. She was a cook (later called a food service specialist) and as she rose in rank she supervised many different mess halls (dining facilities). She was known as a stickler for high quality, cleanliness, and attention to detail. Her mess halls were typically the best in the area. Her assignments included Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Ord, Calif., and Fort Sam Houston, Tex. She served in Germany at Nelligen Barracks with VII Corps. She loved the Army and retired with great reluctance. In retirement she was known for her excellent catering and as an accomplished tailor. She had many hobbies, including crafts and music, and loved animals. She died Feb. 5, 2005. (Photo U.S. Army Women's Museum)



Col. (Ret.) Barbara J. Bishop, USMC, from Boston, Mass., enlisted in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve within days of the announcement of the program's formation. She served at various posts in the U.S. When overseas duty was opened to Corps women she served in Hawaii and Italy. She was selected as Director of Women Marines in 1964, and was instrumental in continuing work to open assignments, training, and specialties to women. She retired in 1969. She died Jan. 28, 2005. (Headquarters USMC photo)



Sgt. Ruth P. Coster, from Bonsel, N.C., enlisted in the WAC in early 1944. After basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. she was briefly assigned to an air base in California before volunteering for overseas duty. She was shipped with many other Wacs to Hollandia, New Guinea arriving in December 1944. The women lived in tents and worked under trying conditions on the edge of the tropical jungle. In August 1945 she was transferred to Manila in the Philippines. In December she returned to the U.S. for discharge. Active for many years in her local community, she considered her wartime service one of the highlights of her life.

She died Aug. 8, 2005. (Photo shows Sgt. Coster in New Guinea; courtesy Dona Coster Cruse)

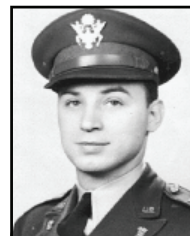
Sgt. First Class (Ret.) Patsy J. Deckard, a native of Springfield, Mo., enlisted in the WAC in 1970. Trained as a medical specialist she earned the prestigious Expert Field Medical Badge. She served as a basic training drill sergeant with the WAC Center at Fort McClellan, Ala. where she saved the lives of two basic trainees in medical distress. She was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for her actions. She served in Germany, Okinawa, and at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. in addition to Fort McClellan. She was medically retired in 1986 and died Dec. 3, 2006. (Photo Springfield, Mo. *News Leader*)





Sgt. Charlotte Dudek, an Illinois native, served in the WAC from 1950 to 1953 as an administrative specialist. After basic training at Fort Lee, Va. she was assigned to Germany. After her Army service she became a high school teacher in the Chicago area. She was active in veterans' affairs and worked with the Branson Veterans Task Force and on Veterans Homecoming Week activities. She died in Blue Eye, Mo. on Feb. 23, 2006. (Photo courtesy WIMSA)

Lt. Col. (Ret) William J. (Bill) Fedeli was born in Philadelphia, Pa. and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the Army Reserves in 1940, and was called to active duty in 1941 as a Quartermaster Corps lieutenant. In the spring of 1942 he was assigned to Fort Des Moines, Iowa to establish administrative and supply courses for the newly formed WAAC. An amateur photographer, Fedeli made color movies of many activities at Fort Des Moines including the graduation ceremonies for the first officer candidate class. After the war he became a distinguished architect and was an accomplished artist. He remained a friend of Army women and attended the 2003 Army Women's Museum reunion at Fort Lee. Fedeli died Aug. 12, 2005. (Family photo from the *Washington Post*)



Phyllis T. (Toby) Felker, Women's Airforce Service Pilot (WASP), a Detroit, Mich. native, began her life-long interest in flying when her father had a chance encounter with Gen. Billy Mitchell. She attended civilian pilot training at Indiana University and joined the WASP in Sep. 1943. After graduating she served at Petersen Army Air Field, Colorado Springs, Colo. where she flew missions to retrieve parts or to fly Army passengers. She was a strong supporter of women in the military and women in aviation. She died Jul. 22, 2006. (DOD photo)

Col. (Ret.) Emily C. Gorman was a native of New York State and a graduate of Cornell University. She enlisted in Oct. 1942 and was commissioned later that year. She served in Washington, D.C. and was assigned to the Allied Control Authority in Berlin, Germany. She was the sixth director of the WAC. Her tenure was noted for expanding opportunities for enlisted women and for the removal of restrictions on women officers' promotions to the grades of colonel and general. She died July 4, 2005. (Photo courtesy Army Women's Museum)



Col. (Ret) Mary A. Hallaren was born in Lowell, Mass. She enlisted in the WAAC in July 1942. Rising quickly in rank, she commanded the first separate battalion of WAAC sent to Europe in 1943. She was the deputy director, WAC, and on the retirement of the director, Col. Westry Boyce, became the director. Her strong and forceful leadership was crucial to passage of the Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 which allowed women to serve as full members of the U.S. armed forces. In retirement she continued her active life. She was an advocate of the principle that qualifications and abilities were not related to gender or race. The "Little Colonel" (she was under five feet tall) died Feb. 13, 2005. (U.S. Army photo shows Col. Hallaren arriving in the Far East on an inspection trip)



Sgt. Pearlie Hargrave McKeogh was from Pillager, Minn. She enlisted in the WAAC in Oct. 1942 and was sent to North Africa with the 149th WAAC Post Headquarters Company in Jan. 1943. She was one of the drivers assigned to General Eisenhower. She also served in Italy, England and France. She married Sgt. Michael McKeogh at the Versailles Palace chapel on Dec. 16, 1944 just as the Germans were initiating the Battle of the Bulge. Later she was an administrative assistant for the Food and Drug Administration, and was active in veterans, church, and civic affairs until her death Dec. 10, 2005. (Photo courtesy Army Women's Museum)



Marian R. McNaughton, a civilian employee in the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), was the first Curator of the Army Art Collection in Washington, D.C. From 1945 until 1971, when an assistant joined the staff, hers was a one-woman operation, preserving, organizing, cataloging and arranging exhibits for thousands of fine art works by official artists or soldier-artists who witnessed what they drew or painted. Under her supervision, the collection grew from 2,000 to over 12,000 works. During the Vietnam War, she supervised a revived Army soldier-artist program. McNaughton retired in 1980; she died Feb. 19, 2006. (Photo courtesy CMH)

Brigadier Eileen Nolan, Women's Royal Army Corps (WRAC), was born near Birmingham, England. In 1942 she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the British equivalent of the WAC. She was commissioned in 1945 after completing officer training. She served in a variety of positions often as a unit commander. Her overseas service included Jamaica, Libya, and Singapore. She served as WRAC director from 1973 to 1977 where she influenced the continuing integration of women in the regular army. She often visited the U.S. as a guest of former WAC director, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Mildred Bailey. Brigadier Nolan died Dec. 29, 2005. (Photo courtesy WIMSA)



Master Sgt. Vivian A. O'Rourke from Chicago, Ill. enlisted in Aug. 1942. Her overseas service during World War II included Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. After a brief period in the U.S., she was sent to Italy where she processed war crimes cases. In Nov. 1947 she boarded the transport *General C.C. Ballou* to return to the U.S. On Nov. 19th, while talking with friends on the weather deck, she was swept overboard by heavy seas. The captain turned the ship around, and despite the difficulty of spotting a person in the water, she was rescued. A strong swimmer, she had experience as a life guard. She removed her boots, slacks and wool coat while struggling to stay afloat; she said she prayed continually. Subsequent assignments included Camp Kilmer, N.J., Headquarters, 5th Army, and Mannheim, Germany. Master Sgt. O'Rourke died Nov. 17, 2006. (Photo courtesy WIMSA)

Sgt. Mary Alice Silvis from Greensburg, Pa. served in the WAC from 1950 to 1954. She auditioned for an Army band position with Major Chester Whiting, commander of the Army Field Forces Band at Fort Meade, Md. She was a member of the 14th Army Band (WAC) under band director Warrant Officer Junior Grade Katherine V. Allen. She died Apr. 28, 2006. (Photo courtesy WIMSA)





T/5 Clementine A. Skinner, born in Birmingham, Ala. She joined the WAAC in July 1943 and was assigned to Fort Des Moines, Iowa where she was a member of the 404th Army Service Forces Band (Colored). She played the trumpet and the French horn. After the war Dr. Skinner was a teacher and school administrator in Chicago. She was active in efforts to preserve the history of black women, and served as president of Kappa Delta Pi, the national education honorary society. Dr. Skinner died Feb. 27, 2006. (Photo courtesy WIMSA)

Lt. Col. Hazel I. Snowden was from Harmony, Mass. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in Apr. 1942 and served for over 20 years. She served as a chief nurse in Korea during the war for a 60 bed Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH). She noted that the work she saw done by both doctors and nurses, without full hospital equipment, was miraculous. She died July 8, 2005. (Photo courtesy WIMSA)



Cpl. Arline H. Wall was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. She was a graduate of Northwestern University with a degree in education. She enlisted in the WAC during the Korean War and was trained in the medical field; she qualified as a licensed practical nurse. She served in Okinawa and Japan where she met her husband. She was a proud veteran who assisted others. She died at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, D.C. on May 15, 2006. (Family photo)

FALLEN HEROES....HONORING ARMY WOMEN WHO DIED IN IN THE WAR ON TERROR



Sgt. Julia V. Atkins, 22, from Bossier City, La., a military police woman assigned to the 64th Military Police (MP) Company, 720th MP Battalion, Fort Hood, Tex., was killed on Dec. 10, 2005 when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated near her high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMMWV) in Baghdad. This was her second tour in Iraq. She is survived by her father, two sisters and her fiancé. (Photo from the 760th web site, www.720mpvietnamproject.org)

1st Lt. Jaimie L. Campbell, 25, from Ephrata, Wash., was killed Jan. 7, 2006 with 11 others when her UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed on Zambar Mountain, Iraq. She was a rotary wing pilot assigned to the Alaska National Guard's 207th Aviation Regiment. She is survived by her husband, parents and two sisters. Her father is an Army command sergeant major who returned from his own tour in Iraq shortly before her death. (Photo *Anchorage Daily News*)



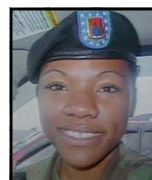
Maj. Gloria D. Davis, 47, from St. Louis, Mo. was commissioned in the Engineer Corps in 1988. She was assigned to the Defense Security Assistance Agency, Washington D.C. as a contracting officer. She died in Baghdad, Iraq on Dec. 12, 2006 in a non-combat related incident. She is survived by her mother, daughter, and granddaughter. (Photo *St. Louis Standard Democrat*)

Sfc. Merideth L. Howard, 52, from Corpus Christi, Tex. was killed on Sept. 8, 2006 in Kabul, Afghanistan when an IED exploded near her HMMWV. She was assigned to the Army Reserve 405th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C. Howard was a graduate of Texas A&M University and held a master's degree in marine resource management. She was the first female firefighter in Bryan, Tex. She joined the Army Reserves as a health care specialist. She is survived by her husband. (Photo *Contra Costa Times*)



Pfc. Sam W. Huff, 18, from Tucson, Ariz. was a military police woman assigned to the 170th MP Company, 504th MP Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash. She died on Apr. 18, 2005 from injuries received the day before when an IED detonated near her HMMWV in Baghdad, Iraq. Huff decided at 16 that she wanted to join the Army. She is survived by her parents and fiancé. Pfc. Huff's mother served in the Marine Corps. (Photo *The Frontline*, Fort Stewart, Ga.)

Sgt. Wakkuna A. Jackson, 21, from Jacksonville, Fla. was a combat medic assigned to the 710th Combat Support Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. She was noted for her passion for helping others; she planned to be a surgeon. She died Aug. 19, 2006 in Konar, Afghanistan when an IED exploded near her vehicle. Parents and siblings survive. (Photo News 4, Jacksonville, Fla.)



Sgt. Myla Maravillosa, 24, born in the Philippines, lived in Wahiawa, Hi. She enlisted in the Army Reserve and was trained as an interrogator. She was assigned to the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. She was fatally injured when her HMMWV was attacked by grenades in Kirkuk, Iraq. She died Dec. 24, 2005. Her mother survives. (Photo *Honolulu Star*)

SP5 Diana B. de Padro, 55, was born in Puerto Rico. She enlisted in July 1978 and served four years as an administrative specialist at Fort Hood, Tex. and Fort Clayton, Panama. De Padro was a civilian staff accountant for the Department of the Army. She died in the Sep. 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. She is survived by her husband and two sons. (Photo www.september11victims.com)



2nd Lt. Emily J. T. Perez, 23, from Fort Washington, Md. was born in Heidelberg, Germany where her father was stationed. She was a 2005 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point and was commissioned as a Medical Service Corps officer. She died on Sept. 12, 2006 from injuries sustained when an IED detonated near her HMMWV during combat operations in Al Kifl, Iraq. She is survived by her parents, brother and sister. (Photo Cedell Brooks Funeral Home)

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker, 24, from El Paso, Tex., was a 2003 USMA graduate following her father, grandfather, uncle and brother who are graduates. She was commissioned in the Engineer Corps and had served in Iraq before joining the 864th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), 555th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (Provisional), Fort Lewis, Wash. She was killed on Aug. 18, 2005 in Kandahar, Afghanistan when an IED detonated under her HMMWV. Parents, siblings and grandparents survive. (Photo Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy)





Stained glass window at the Robert J. Dole
Institute of Politics, Lawrence, Kan.