

**Department of Defense Commemorative Poster
The 75th Anniversary of the Signing of Public Law 625
Women's Armed Services Integration Act**

Poster Description: The 2023 Department of Defense's Commemorative poster for the 75th Anniversary of the signing of Public Law 80-625, Women's Armed Services Integration Act, consists of a dark olive-green background.

A large 75TH in gold font begins at the poster's top left corner and spreads to the center. Following the 75TH and spreading to the right corner is the underlined word, ANNIVERSARY, in smaller, capitalized gold text.

Centered within the poster are five World War II era Service colorized recruitment or commemorative posters for women from before the Act's passage. Intermingled with the posters are six black and white and colorized photographs of women in action after the Act's passage. The items are arranged in three rows and the posters and photographs partially overlap one another.

Top row (L to R):

A U.S. Air Force Airman assigned to the 409th Air Expeditionary Group (AEG), speaks with a young girl in Azel Ecole, Niger, May 11, 2022. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Chloe Ochs). The young girl is in a full length blue-green dress with light yellow and dark yellow symbols. The Service member is in civilian clothes and wearing a white blouse and blue jeans. She is squatting so that she is at eye level with the young girl, and she is smiling at her.

USMC recruitment poster WWII series. The poster depicts a female marine in dress uniform. Behind her are a group of men in combat uniform and equipment attacking an enemy position. Three lines of text are beneath the picture. The first line in capitalized red text reads, "BE A MARINE..." The second line in black text is partially covered by the adjoining picture and it reads, "Free a Marine to J..." (*join the fight*). The third line in capitalized black text is also partially covered by the adjoining picture and it reads, "U.S. MARINE CORPS WOMEN's R..." (*RESERVE*).

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) New Student Indoctrination (NSI) midshipman candidates raise their right hands during a graduation ceremony conducted inside the Midway Ceremonial Hall at Recruit Training Command (RTC), July 22. (Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Nick Scott). The women are standing in formation wearing their white naval Service uniform and facing the camera.

WAC recruitment poster WWII series. WAC is an acronym representing the Women's Army Corps. The poster depicts a woman in Army Service uniform and hat situated on a waving American flag. Blue text at the top of the poster reads, "Are you a girl with a Star-Spangled heart?" Capitalized white text on a wide red footer at the bottom of the poster reads, "JOIN

THE WAC NOW!" Capitalized blue text on a white text box on the left side of the poster reads, "THOUSANDS OF ARMY JOBS NEED FILLING!" Smaller capitalized white text is spread across two lines on the poster's bottom right corner. The first line reads, "Women's Army Corps." The second line reads, "United States Army."

Second Row (L to R):

Sue Fulton, along with other graduating cadets, tosses her cap into the air at the end of the U.S. Military Academy class of 1980's graduation ceremony. (Courtesy of Sue Fulton)

WASP commemorative poster WWII series. At the top of the poster is a white and blue edged patch. It depicts the official WASP mascot, Fifinella, a winged gremlin. Beneath 'Fifi' is the word, W.A.S.P, and along the patch's bottom edge, WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS WWII. Beneath the patch is large, capitalized tan text spread across two lines which reads, "WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS." In smaller tan text beneath reads, "WOMEN PILOTS WHO SERVED AMERICA DURING WWII, 1942 – 1944." Beneath the text are four WASP pilots walking towards the viewer. They are wearing fleece collared leather flight jackets and tan pants. They each carry a flight bag. Behind them rests the front fuselage of a B-17 Bomber. Nose art on the front of the B-17 reads, PISTOL PACKING MAMA. Across the poster's bottom edge is a narrow, red, white, and blue banner.

Two photos are to the right of the WASP poster. The top photograph depicts the first all-female crew in a decade (2010) from the 40th Helicopter Squadron, 341st Missile Wing. The women are in flight suits and standing in front of a UH-1 Iroquois helicopter.

The bottom photograph depicts Air Force nurse Captain Bettie J. Vierra as she tends to a Vietnamese child being held by his mother during the Vietnam War, circa 1970 or 1971. Captain Vierra is wearing a Vietnam era olive green utility uniform.

Third row (L to R):

WAVES recruitment poster WWII series. WAVES is an acronym for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service in the Navy. The poster features a female naval radio operator. She is wearing headphones and a blue naval Service uniform and her right hand is tapping on the brass transmission key used for sending Morris Code transmissions. Capitalized white text at the poster's top reads, "IT'S A WOMAN'S WAR TOO!" Capitalized white text to the woman's right reads, "JOIN THE WAVES." Capitalized red text beneath this phrase reads, "YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU NOW". Black text on the white footer is spread across two lines. The first line in italicized text reads, "*Apply to Your Nearest.*" The second line in larger, capitalized text reads, "NAVY RECRUITING STATION OR OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT."

Female airman in Iraq (Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital /Va. Gov). She is wearing a tan, desert camouflage uniform, flack vest, and a pistol holster on her right hip.

SPARS recruitment WWII poster series. SPARS is an acronym representing the Coast Guard motto, Semper Paratus-Always Ready, for the USCG Women's Reserve. The poster depicts a woman in white, USCG Service Uniform facing the viewer. Behind her is a rock outcropping with a white lighthouse and white light keeper's cottage. At the poster's bottom is a large white footer. Superimposed on the left side, capitalized black text reads, "ENLIST IN THE COAST GUARD." At the right side, large red capitalized text reads, "SPARS."

Centered at the poster's bottom is the date June 12, 1948, in gold, underlined text. Beneath the date is the observance title in, larger gold, capitalized text reads, WOMEN'S ARMED SERVICES INTEGRATION ACT.

At the poster's bottom left corner are the seals for the Department of Defense, Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. At the poster's bottom right corner is the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) seal and a quick response code (QRC), which when scanned with a mobile device, will open an audio narration with this poster description. To the right of the QRC is a black symbol depicting a microphone.