“Chippers” performed some of the toughest work on the American Home Front during the Second World War.

100 YEARS!

August 26, 2020, marks the 100th anniversary of women in the United States winning the right to vote. This courageous, 72-year-long political movement was carried out by tens of thousands of women and men working to form a more perfect union.

With little financial, legal or political power of their own, women fought state by state for their rights as citizens. To win the right to vote, women circulated countless petitions, gave speeches, published newspapers, and travelled the country to win support. They were frequently ridiculed, harassed, and sometimes attacked by mobs and police.

Still they persevered. Finally, on August 26, 1920 their goal was achieved with the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Women had won the right to vote!

Women in public service and government have long served us as a nation by working to clear barriers, enforce laws, implement new ideas, and change people’s attitudes.
In 1941, psychologist and inventor Dr. William Moulton Marston was hired by the creators of DC Comics to create a feminine superhero. Wonder Woman encouraged girls to believe that with hard work and determination, a woman could be as successful as a man. She also brought a new vision of femininity that combined strength, intelligence, and patriotism. Young women identified with her patriotism and aspired to emulate her strength and bold 1940s style.

She was an immediate success with an eventual readership of 10 million and appearances in four comic books and a daily newspaper strip.