During World War II, all military branches enlisted women in their ranks for the first time in history; nearly 350,000 American women served in uniform.

Ann E. Dunwoody became the first female battalion commander for the 82nd Airborne Division in 1992 and the first female general at Fort Bragg in 2000. In 2008, she became the first woman in the U.S. Armed Forces to be promoted to four-star general.

Midshipman First Class Sydney Barber is the first Black woman to serve as brigade commander at the U.S. Naval Academy. She holds the highest student leadership position at the academy.

About 1 in every 6 Active Duty (AD) Service Members (SM) is a Woman

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<td>74,820</td>
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About 1 in every 4 Reserve Members (RM) is a Woman

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About 1 in every 5 National Guard (NG) Members is a Woman

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Top Five Career Fields of Women in the Services

- Women Enlisted Members:
  - Functional Support and Administration
  - Service and Supply Handlers
  - Communication and Intelligence Specialists
  - Health Care Officers
  - Administrators

- Women Commissioned Officers:
  - Electrical/Mechanical Equipment Repairers
  - Health Care Officers
  - Supply, Procurement, and Allied Officers
  - Engineering and Maintenance Officers

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Fiscal Year 2021 Military Data Source: ADVANA and Defense Manpower Data Center
Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman in U.S. history to serve in both the House of Representatives (1940-1949) and the Senate (1949-1973). In 1964, she became the first woman to seek the presidential nomination of a major political party.

Carol Moseley-Braun was the first Black/African American woman to serve in the U.S. Senate and the first woman to represent the state of Illinois in the Senate; she served from 1993 to 1999. In 1999, she was appointed United States Ambassador to New Zealand.

On May 28, 2021, Christine Wormuth was appointed Secretary of the U.S. Army. Secretary Wormuth is the first woman to hold this position. She has also worked as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, the third-ranking civilian position at the Pentagon (2014-2016).

About 1 in every 3 DoD Civilians is a Woman

About 2 in every 5 DoD Civilians in General Schedule (GS)-1 to GS-15 grades are Women

About 2 in every 7 Senior Executive Service (SES) Civilians are Women

2022 Portrait of DoD/Other Government Civilian Women

GS-1 – GS-15 Civilians

- General Administrative, Clerical, and Office Services
- Business and Industry
- Medical, Hospital, Dental, and Public Health
- Human Resources Management
- Accounting and Budget

SES Members

- General Administrative, Clerical, and Office Services
- Engineering and Architecture
- Accounting and Budget
- Legal and Kindred
- Business and Industry

Women in the SES

Fiscal Year 2021

Fiscal Year 2017

12%

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