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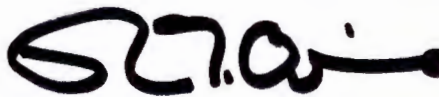
**Women's History Month
"Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives"**

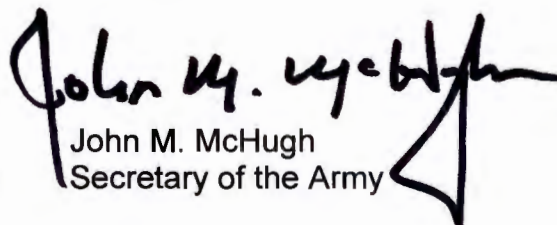
Women's stories are inextricably woven into the essential fabric of our Nation's history and the history of our Army. Every March we dedicate ourselves to highlighting these individual and collective stories. We acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions of pioneering women from the past and recognize their impact on the force of today. These trailblazers cleared the road for an Army that will soon see women Soldiers competing for the elite title of Army Ranger, as well as other new opportunities. The contributions and achievements of those who came before have ensured equal access to every available opportunity to succeed in our Army and our Nation.

We also recognize all women serving today. They continue to provide us with role models for future generations. Women like Lieutenant General Flora D. Darpino, the first woman Judge Advocate General of the Army; Major Chrissy Cook, who led her Bradley crew to "Top Gun" status; and Private First Class Jessica Jones, one of the first women Soldiers to graduate from the Artillery Mechanic's course. These and so many others serve as endless sources of inspiration to us all.

As we honor the contributions of women – past, present and future – we encourage our entire Army Family to document these stories and plan commemorative activities that celebrate the women whose stories of leadership and courage are woven into the fabric of our Army, which remains the Strength of the Nation.


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