1940 - 1950

1942 The WAVES (Women accepted for volunteer emergency service) was established with the appointment on August 3 of Lieutenant Commander Mildred H. McAfee, USNR, as the Director of the WAVES. They worked in administration, aviation, Judge Advocate Corps, medical, communications, intelligence, storekeeper, science, and technology.

1944 Public Law 238 granted full military rank to members of the Navy Nurse Corps; and, Sue Duaser, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, became the first woman commissioned in the rank of Captain on October 23.

1945 400,000 women served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II.

1948 Women’s Armed Forces Integration Act (Public Law 625), July 30, allowed women to serve in the peace time military with some restrictions (Public Law 625), July 30, allowed women to serve in the peace time military with some restrictions.

1950 For the first time in history, Marine Corps, most in stateide clerical duties at headquarters and at recruiting stations around the country.

1953 Secretary of Defense George Marshall established a Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service because of low recruiting numbers.

1954 More than one thousand U.S. Armed Forces women served on duty in Korea during the Korean War.

1956 Lieutenant Charlene T. Suneson, USNR, reported for duty on board USS General Mann (AP 112) and became the first line WAVE to have shipboard duty. Bertha Peters Biflich became the first woman Marine promoted to Sergeant Major.

1967 Congress authorized women to achieve flag rank in the U.S. Navy.

1970 Captain Alma G. Ellis, USN became the first woman line officer assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy as Director, USNA Museum.

1972 Lieutenant Commander Georgia Clark, USN became the first female naval officer faculty member at the U.S. Naval Academy.

1972 Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo Zumwalt issued Z-316 that authorized entry of women to all ratings, allowed women to be assigned to noncombatant surface ships.

1973 The first coed class graduated from Navy Officer Candidate School (OCS). Rae Jean B. Goodman, Ph.D., was appointed as the first USNA female civilian faculty member. Four women chosen for flight training at Pensacola.

1974 Lieutenant Barbara Allen, USN became the first Navy woman pilot to earn her wings February 22.

1976 Congress mandated that women be admitted to the service academies including the U.S. Naval Academy and 81 women took the oath in July, 1976.

1978 Brigadier General Margaret A. Brewer became the first U.S. Marine Corps flag officer.

1980 The first fifty-four women graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, 51% of whom later became career officers.

1981 First enlisted women assigned as surface warfare specialists. CDR Diane C. Durban, USN (Ret.) was the first Jewish woman graduate from USNA.

1989 First woman assigned as Command Master Chief at sea, Janice Ayers.

1990 Rear Admiral Marsha J. Evans, USN, was the first woman to command a Naval Station, Treasure Island.

Lieutenant Commander Darlene M. Iskrza, USN was the first Navy woman to command a ship, USS Opportunity (ARS 41).

1991 41,000 U.S. Armed Forces women served in theater during Desert Storm.

1992 Navy strengthened its zero-tolerance policy toward sexual harassment.

Brigadier General Carol A. Mutter became the first woman to command Fleet Marine Force, 3d Force Support Group, Okinawa.

1996 Lieutenant General Carol A. Mutter, USMC, became the first Marine Corps female officer to wear three stars and only the second woman in history of the armed services to do so.

1998 Five women were selected to command combatant ships with Commander Maureen A. Farren, USN, Monterey (LSD 39), the first to assume command.

2004 Mary A. DeCrescio, Ph.D., appointed first female Vice Academic Dean at USNA.

2006 Brigadier General Angela Salinas, USMCR, became the first Hispanic woman flag officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Rear Admiral Margaret D. Klein, USN ‘81, became the first female Commandant of Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy. She now serves as Chief of Staff, U.S. Cyber Command.

2011 Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus approved women to be assigned to Ohio class submarines, January 9, 2011.

Vice Admiral Michelle J. Howard, USN ‘82 is the first female Naval Academy graduate to achieve flag rank. She is also the first woman to serve as Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 2.

2012 The highest ranking women in the Navy today are three-star admirals: Vice Admiral Ann Rondeau, USN, National Defense University president; Vice Admiral Carol Pettinger, USN, deputy chief of staff, NATO Headquarters, and Vice Admiral Michelle Howard, USN, Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces.

More than $3,000 active duty women and more than 10,000 female reservists are serving in the Navy, comprising 19.5% of the Navy Total Force.

The Navy currently has 35 active and reserve female flag officers and 59 female command master chiefs.

January 24, 2013 - Combat Exclusion Law repealed, allowing women to serve in combat roles in the U.S. military.

January 2013 – SECNAV announces the first women to join Virginia-class attack subs have been chosen: They are newly commissioned female officers who will join Virginia-class attack subs. January 24, 2013 - Combat Exclusion Law repealed, allowing women to serve in combat roles in the U.S. military.

February 14 - First woman Director, White House Office of Management and Budget, Joyce L.下降到100%。
Celebrating Women of Courage, Character & Commitment at the U.S. Naval Academy

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Catain Sunita L. Williams, USN, '87 - With 50 hours and 40 minutes, Williams holds the record for total cumulative spacewalk time by a female astronaut.

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Kristine Holdereid, '84 first female to graduate first in her class

Professor Angela Moran, Ph.D., Dept. of Mechanical Engineering. Innovator in STEM outreach programs.

CDR Becky (Dowling) Calder, USN (Ret.), '98, first female Top Gun pilot grad and only female USNA graduate to have her varsity number retired.

Captain Kasey P. Hisen, USN, '81, first female in U.S. military to be assigned to a combat aircraft, she became an astronaut in 1996. She has logged 711 hours in space.

Brigadier General Lori Reynolds, USMC, '86, first female commandant of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island.

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_current JBHO members visit Women's Memorial, Arlington, VA.

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RADM Nora Tyson, USN was the first woman to command a carrier strike group.

Captain Sara Joyner, USN, '89, first woman to command a Carrier Air Wing.

RADM Maryann D. Klein, USN '81, first female Commandant of Midshipmen at USNA, Chief of Staff, J5, on the Joint Staff.

LT Amy Tomlinson, USN, first female naval flight officer selected for the Blue Angels.

Colonel Bobbi Shea, USMC, '91, first female Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen.