



**U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION (AWF) HOSTS  
13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME CEREMONY  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021, 2:00, EST, *Virtually***

**“Honoring Army Women: Connecting with the Past, Empowering the Future”**

**WHAT:** **US Army Women's Foundation Scholarship Awards and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**  
As our nation gears up to celebrate Women's History Month, the US Army Women's Foundation will recognize extraordinary Army Women by awarding scholarships and inducting the 2021 class of Army women into the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame.

**WHEN:** Monday, March 8, 2021 | 2:00 EST | *Virtually*

The ceremony will air on the Army Women's Foundation Facebook page and on our website [www.awfdn.org](http://www.awfdn.org); thus, keeping everyone safe and allowing you to join us from the comfort of your home or office. All are encouraged “to attend” and to share in the celebration of Army Women and their families.

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**ABOUT THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship program supports education for Army women and their children through tuition assistance for technical certificate programs, community college coursework, and undergraduate and graduate degrees. Over the past 12 years, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation has awarded \$500,000 to over 230 recipients through our Legacy Scholarship program. Along with presenting 42 scholarships to deserving service members, we will be giving a full-ride graduate level scholarship in partnership with Trident University International.



SGM Pascual-Jackson is receiving a full-ride scholarship from Trident University International to pursue a Master's Degree in Strategic Leadership. SGM Pascual-Jackson received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Trident University International in 2002 and served in the U.S. Army for 32 years before retiring. Since her retirement, she has sought out many local Veterans groups to serve and has been actively engaged with them, even creating a military veterans' group in her neighborhood.

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**ABOUT THE 2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:**



**Major General Marcia M. Anderson, USA, Retired**

The Army's first black female reserve officer to obtain the rank of major general. At the time, she served as the senior advisor to the Chief, Army Reserve on policies and programs for the U.S. Army Reserve, including force structure, congressional budget and appropriations process, manpower and personnel, and Army and Department of Defense matters.



**Major General Mari K. Eder, USA, Retired**

The first Commanding General of the U.S. Army Reserve Joint and Special Troops Support Command, headquartered in Salt Lake City, UT. She previously served as the first full-time Deputy Chief of the Army Reserve, and the first full-time Deputy Chief of U.S. Army Public Affairs. She is a lecturer and author of several books, to include *American Cyberspace: Trials and the Path to Trust* and *The Girls Who Stepped out of Line: Untold Stories of the Women Who Changed the Course of WWII*.



**Major General Linda L. Singh, USARNG, Retired, PhD**

Maryland National Guard's first African-American and first woman Adjutant General, during MG Singh's tenure, Maryland's National Guard became the first in the nation to be led by a command staff of all women. Dr. Singh personally mentors, coaches, and speaks on leadership, diversity, adversity, career transition and issues that plague women and veterans in the workplace. She is the author of *Moments of Choice: My path to leadership* and the recently released *What's in Your Box? Designing the Life You Want*.

**Colonel Christine “Nickey” Knighton, USA, Retired**

The U.S. Army's first woman to command a tactical Combat Arms Battalion. Specifically, she commanded 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regt, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas from 1996-1998. Christine B. Knighton is the second African American woman aviator within the Department of Defense. She received her commission from Tuskegee University, and is a recipient of the Tuskegee Airmen Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Military Award.

**Dr. (LTC) Françoise B. Bonnell, USA, Retired**

The U.S. Army's recognized authority in women's military history and former director of the U.S. Army Women's Museum at Fort Lee, Virginia. A U.S. Army veteran, Dr. Bonnell is credited for her exceptional commitment to the advancement and legacy of U.S. Army women and veterans. She is the recipient of numerous awards to include the 2019 Virginia Women Veterans Change Maker Award. She is a museum professional, curator, educator, historian, author and lecturer.

**CSM Gretchen Evans, USA, Retired**

U.S. Army Combat Veteran, mentor, coach, and community activist. Prior to her combat injury and subsequent retirement from the US Army, Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans was responsible for more than 30,000 ground troops in Afghanistan. Inspired by her experience, CSM Evans focuses her efforts on improving the lives of her fellow veterans. She is a motivational speaker and the author of the book, *Leading From the Front*.

**The Women of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS)**

During World War II, 4,000 women served in every part of the OSS, as spies, saboteurs, resistance fighters, propaganda experts, cryptographers, cartographers, analysts, and experts in recruiting, and communications. There were also legions of administrative support workers, the clerks, drivers, the logistics managers. Together, they fought the undercover war.

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**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS**


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**PFC Gladys Crawford, USA (Posthumous)**

Among the Army's first WWII Women's Auxiliary Army Corps soldiers, and one of the first black women from West Palm Beach, Florida to enlist and serve in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and later, the Women's Army Corps. PFC Crawford served from March 1943 to November 1945. She was inspired to serve by President Roosevelt, who she remembers saying he wanted women to volunteer in the military to take over some of the jobs the men were doing so that men could be released to fight. Her last assignment was at Fort Dix, N.J. She was awarded the American Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, and the Women's Army Corps Service Medal.

**Ms. Kathryn Miller and Ms. Kailyn Rowland**

Awarded for telling the Army Story of the first women cadets at West Point. After conducting extensive research and interviews, high school students Kathryn Miller and Kailyn Rowland, wrote, directed, and produced a documentary telling the historical journey of the first women to graduate from the United States Military Academy. Their documentary, "Women at West Point: Breaking Barriers of the Long Gray Line", won First Place Honors at the 2020 National History Day Competition in the State of Pennsylvania.

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**ABOUT THE U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION (AWF) - Honoring, Empowering and Connecting**


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Founded in 1969, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation (formerly the U.S. Women's Army Corps Foundation) is the oldest woman veteran's organization in the United States. A volunteer military organization for educational excellence, the AWF is the national network for today's Army women and veterans, dedicated to honoring, empowering and being a dynamic advocate for telling and celebrating the history of Army women. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to promote public interest in the Army and recognize and honor the service of all U.S. Army women, past and present, and to support the Army Women's Museum. For more information, visit: [www.awfdn.org](http://www.awfdn.org). or contact Beth Spitzley at [bspitzley@awfdn.org](mailto:bspitzley@awfdn.org).