

WOMEN IN THE AIR FORCE



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Answer Key

This Scavenger hunt highlights the labor and contributions of women in the Air Force from the Army Air Corps through the war in Southeast Asia. Use the names in the name bank to help you find each Person of Interest. The pictures and information provided will lead you to each Person of Interest. Hunt for the answer to each bonus question below each card, found near the same exhibit. **This is not a timed scavenger hunt. Read through each exhibit carefully.**

PERSON OF INTEREST:

Jacqueline Cochran



WASP
PATCH



DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE MEDAL



WASP FLYING
GLOVES

Who was the first woman to fly a USAAF jet when at Wright Field, she flew a YP-59 twin jet fighter?

PERSON OF INTEREST:

First Lt. Suella Bernard

She was the only known nurse to have participated in a glider combat mission in WWII.

Flight Nurse
Badge



"I WILL SUMMON EVERY RESOURCE TO PREVENT THE TRIUMPH OF DEATH OVER LIFE." – The Flight Nurse Creed



Air Medal, American Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal

How many flight nurses lost their lives during World War II?

PERSON OF INTEREST:

Jennifer D. Weitekamp

She was the US military's First female sniper.

Counter sniper teams provide security to the Air Force, watching over flight lines, watching over sensitive operations, and removing enemy sniper threats.



Who was the first female fighter pilot after women were no longer restricted from flying combat missions?

PERSON OF INTEREST:

Staff Sergeant Esther M.
Blake



She enlisted in the first minute of the first hour of the first day the Air Force authorized women's participation.



What legislation was passed on June 12th, 1948, that authorized women to serve permanently in all military branches?

PERSON OF INTEREST:

Captain Lillian Kinkela Keil

She was a flight nurse that achieved the following:

- 250 evacuation flights in England
- 175 evacuation missions in Korea
- Inspired the 1953 movie Flight Nurse



What type of uniform is displayed above?

PERSON OF INTEREST:

Mary Wilkins Ellis

She flew 76 types of aircraft in the Air Transport Auxiliary, which was the example for the US military's mobilization of female pilots.



British Flag



De Havilland
Tiger Moth

What was the ceiling of the Tiger Moth?

PERSON OF INTEREST:

Lieutenant Aune

With a broken foot, compression fracture to her spine, puncture wound to her leg, and serious lacerations, carried 80 children to safety after the crash of a C-5 in Operation Babylift.

She was the first woman to be awarded the Cheney Award, given for acts of valor in humanitarian interest.



Which US President announced Operation Babylift?

PERSON OF INTEREST:

Teresa Kobuszewski

She Served in England as one of the more than 33,000 WACs (Women Army Corps).

Staff Sergeant
Rank, USAAF



Ribbon rack
of person of
interest



What percentage of WACs served in the USAAF (United States Army Air Forces)?

NAME BANK

MARY WILKINS ELLIS	TERESA KOBUSZEWSKI	CAPTAIN LILLIAN KINKELA KEIL
JACQUELINE COCHRAN	LIEUTENANT AUNE	JENNIFER D. WEITEKAMP
FIRST LT. SUELLA BERNARD		STAFF SERGEANT ESTHER M. BLAKE

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