

WOMAN & WAR

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America has this notion Woman should not serve during wars they should remain behind why the Men go off and fight. Well it has been going on for as long as America has been a nation.

During the Civil War between the states there was one that I remember in particular during the Battle of Gettysburg there was a lady who patched up both northern and southern soldiers in a two story old farm house. She was given the Medal Of Honor to later have the Award revoked because of being a Woman. Many years later it was reinstated by President Clinton.

During the days when America was growing westward Woman had to pick up rifles to protect themselves and children from Indians why their husbands were out on cattle and wild horse drives.

During both big wars one and two they served as nurses, pilots jogging planes in for their male counter parts, but usually miles from the front and no where near the sounds of bullets.

During Korea they started serving very close to the front in M.A.S.H units and at times when north Korean troops would break through they would find themselves behind lines and would have to bug out (units would back up everything and move location).

During Vietnam was when the people back home got an awakening about woman serving in combat. Nurses would serve in Aid Stations helping the wounded and some gave all their lives. If my memory serves me correctly there are fourteen woman listed on The Wall, there were four that ended up POW ~ MIA. I personally give thanks to those "ANGELS OF MERCY", one sit with me nightly when I was wounded.

This year was the twentieth anniversary of their Memorial in Washington D.C. located within yards of The Wall, what a perfect location for it's placement.

They are being forced into combat roles in Iraq and Afghanistan just to protect their lives against the enemy, because if captured they would go through extreme torture and more then likely loss of life. Look at how Jessica Lynch was beaten by them, but that Country Girl showed them what an "AMERICAN WOMAN" could do with a weapon.

My lady is a retired Staff Sergeant from the Air Force and she tells me that woman have no place in combat. She tells me men should not have to worry about woman in foxholes, because they put their life in jeopardy, but today's wars they don't have a choice if they want to live

Let's give the unsung Warriors of America their praise for not only taking arms to protect herself, but at times have saved their Brothers life as well. It should be "Brothers and Sisters in Arms".

God Bless all the Troops male and female.

Until next month be safe on the highways and watch out for the cages. Remember our Troops and say a prayer for a safe and quick return home to their families. WAHDO! Skypilot



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