

March 2024 Edition

## What Did Women Do in the Military Before They Could Serve?

### Women have always been critical to the function of the military, even

before they were formally allowed to serve. From disguising themselves as men to fight in wars, to later serving as code breakers, women supported the military in a variety of roles. In recognition of Women's History Month, <u>learn</u> <u>more about the courage of these trailblazing women</u> and how they paved the way for future generations of military women.



## **AAFMAA Fact of the Month**

# In 1970...

Former AAFMAA Board member, BG Elizabeth P. Hoisington, became one of the first two women to attain the rank of Brigadier General. She served on our Board and was an AAFMAA Member for several decades. <u>Learn more about her</u>.

### First-Time Homebuyers: Women Making a Power Play



This month, AAFMAA Mortgage Services LLC (AMS) celebrates the 30-year trend of women being power players in the housing market! Single women have been second only to married couples in the homebuying market since the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) started data collection on the topic in 1981. Today, homebuying stands at 63% married couples, 19% single women, and 9% single men. Learn more about historic homebuying hurdles women have faced.

### What We're Talking About

#### Veterans Saves LIVE Workshop — April 17, 1 p.m. EST

#### **Following America Saves Week**

**Veterans and transitioning servicemembers:** Learn how to "Increase Your Credit Score in 90 Days" when you join the <u>Veteran Saves</u> LIVE Workshop on April 17. Learn practical tips, strategies, and actions that will improve your credit score, protect your identity, and correct misinformation. <u>Register now</u>.



#### Make Tax Time Easier on Yourself

As Tax Day approaches, navigating the complexities of military-specific tax matters can be daunting. But it doesn't have to be. Tune into our new <u>Tax-Time</u> <u>Series</u>, brought to you by AAFMAA Wealth Management & Trust LLC (AWM&T). Each video, succinctly packed into 2-3 minutes, offers invaluable insights to help streamline your tax process and maximize your returns. Here's a sneak peek at what you can expect: <u>Military Families: 7 Tips for Organizing</u> <u>Your Taxes</u>.



### Agent Orange Exposure: Tips for Getting Your Claim Approved

Agent Orange, a highly toxic herbicide used during the Vietnam War, has caused many Veterans to suffer from a variety of illnesses. Do you have questions about how to make a VA claim — or how the PACT Act of 2022 changed your ability and eligibility to make claims? <u>Find out what you should know about Agent Orange</u>.



#### Above and Beyond the Call of Duty: 3 Medal of Honor Stories

Being awarded the Medal of Honor, the US's highest military award, requires extraordinary bravery and achievement. Recipients earn it by surpassing the call of duty. <u>Discover the exceptional valor and selflessness</u> embodied by 3 recipients of the Medal of Honor, including Dr. Mary Walker, the sole female awardee.



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#### IN TEXAS:

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THE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A RECOVERY FUND TO MAKE PAYMENTS OF CERTAIN ACTUAL OUT OF POCKET DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY BORROWERS CAUSED BY ACTS OF LICENSED RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS. A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE RECOVERY FUND MUST BE FILED WITH AND INVESTIGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE PAYMENT OF A CLAIM. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RECOVERY FUND, PLEASE CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AT WWW.SML.TEXAS.GOV.

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