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First Woman Selected as Army's Best Warrior!

For the first time since its inception nine years ago, a woman soldier has won the title of Soldier of the Year for 2010's Best Warrior Competition.

Sergeant Sherri Gallagher of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, who represented the Training and Doctrine Command,



bested eleven other competitors from the Army's major commands. Gallagher is one of the top long-range rifle

shooters in the country.

The Best Warrior Competition is a multi-faceted test of soldiery. Events in this year's competition included hand-to-hand combat, urban orienteering, detainee operations, casualty evaluation, weapons familiarization and night firing. "It's an honor," Gallagher said during an interview at the competition. "It's a lot of fun to be out here, because I don't get to do this on a daily basis. It's neat to be able to see how

you compare to everyone else."

Gallagher fired her first weapon when she was five years old. She spent her childhood summers touring shooting competitions with her parents, both competitive shooters, and now participates in the World Championships every four years. "My goal is to make the Olympic team," Gallagher said, although long-range shooting is not yet an Olympic sport.

Commission: Women Should Serve in Combat Roles

The Military Leadership Diversity Commission, created by Congress, recommended the Defense Department should eliminate restrictions on women serving in combat units and end all "gender restrictive policies." The recommendation will be included in a formal report to Con-

gress and the White House in March 2011.

The move would end the military's longstanding policy of all-male combat units and open up career fields like infantry and armor to qualified women. The commission's research found many of the

typical reasons given for keeping women out of combat units do not hold up under scrutiny.

A five-page analysis prepared for the commission concluded that women do not lack the physical ability to perform in

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And the Beat Goes On

In our last issue of *The Advocate*, a number of significant "firsts" were cited, but the good news is that the beat goes on. The Coast Guard has announced that Rear Admiral Sandra Stosz will become the first woman Superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Sergeant Sherry Jo Gallagher, USA has become the first woman to win the Army's best warrior competition. These are just a sampling of the many "firsts" garnered by women, and I look forward to the day when positions filled or honors garnered by armed forces women are routine, not special or newsworthy. Another noteworthy event is that Congress passed and President Obama signed a law abolishing the Don't Ask,



Don't Tell policy that disproportionately affected women.

With military women excelling in so many new and exciting positions, with the revitalized Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) poised to take on a number of critical policy issues and with a variety of other key voices and organizations urging DOD to get rid of exclusionary policies that place unrealistic limitations on the assignment of women in the Army and the Marine

Corps, the coming year promises to be an exciting time of healthy debate and, hopefully, positive change. The critical issue in all such debate and action should be how best to achieve the highest possible level of military personnel readiness. This can only be accomplished when all military members are selected, trained and assigned duties based on their ability to perform all aspects of the job, without regard to gender or sexual orientation. Having worked on these issues for more than fifty years, I believe we are moving in the right direction to make that happen in the not too distant future.

Evelyn P. ("Pat") Foote
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President Emerita

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combat roles; gender integration will not negatively affect unit cohesion; and women are not more likely than men to develop mental health problems. However, keeping women out of combat units and combat-related job fields can reduce their career opportunities, particularly in the officer corps and in the Army and Marine Corps, according to the commission's research.

The commission suggested a phased approach to assigning

women into combat units. For example, the services might start by assigning women in career fields currently open to them to combat units traditionally limited to men. A second phase could involve opening additional career fields involved in "direct ground combat" to qualified women.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have shown current policies and their references to "forward" units to be outdated. In some situations, women in

non-combat jobs have faced more danger than male infantrymen. "The enemy is no longer clearly and consistently identifiable, and all units are essentially exposed to hostile fire," the commission's research paper concluded. "Additionally, the spatial concepts of forward and well-forward are inappropriate and lacking to convey the complexity of operations such as those in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Women Instructors Assigned to Combat Training Unit



Currently, three women Army Reservists from Birmingham, AL are assigned to a basic combat training unit for the 192nd Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning, GA. They're the only women drill sergeants there. Sgt 1st Class Malease Cross is nearing 20 years in the military, Staff Sgt Mary Nelson has deployed twice to Iraq and Staff Sgt Maria Nanita has been to Afghanistan. Company leaders said they go on the same runs and rucksack marches as the men. The 3 a.m. wakeups and 18-hour workdays are no different, either. And after ar-

riving at Fort Benning this past spring, they earned the respect of peers and soldiers alike.

"They hold their own, same as the male drill sergeants," said 1st Sgt Ricardo Polk, B Company's first sergeant.

"They're very professional dealing with the privates, well-versed in what they do. They continue to impress me all the time."

Being a woman in such a male-dominated profession has the occasional challenge, the women said. However, there's no distinction when it comes to interaction with trainees, all of whom are male.

"In the transition from civilian to military, the respect factor is there," Nanita said. "It's a shock for them whether it's a male drill or a female drill. You have to establish it early: "I'm the drill sergeant, you're

the private. I'm not your mom, girlfriend or wife." You definitely have to let them know, "I'm here to teach something you don't know, and while you're here, you will respect me. And it goes both ways."

While the unit's internal dynamics are the same, Nelson said some active-duty drill sergeants at Sand Hill seemed a little skeptical at first about working with female counterparts. "But we're not your average female group, so I think we all mesh well together," she said.

"They took charge and moved on," Sgt Polk said.

"They've been a real asset to my unit. It makes me proud to know we're the only unit at Fort Benning with female drill sergeants, and they're just as strong as my male drill sergeants."

Gates Foresees More Women in Special Operations Forces

On Sep 29, 2010, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he anticipates that more women will serve in military special operations units in the future.

"My guess is at some point there will be a careful step in that direction," he told about 300 ROTC students at Duke University. Although military policy bars women from ground combat, the wars in

Iraq and Afghanistan have thrust women soldiers into firefights and forced US commanders to review the policy.

Women already serve in a limited capacity within the special operations community -- primarily in civil affairs, mission information support and aviation capacities, a U.S. Special Operations Command official said. However, most

special operations billets, including Navy SEAL teams and Special Forces A-teams, are limited to men.

Gates predicted that the military will likely use lessons learned by the Navy as it introduces women into its submarine force to guide any similar changes within special operations forces.

Army Women to Get New Combat Uniform

The Army has announced that it is creating a new and improved Army Combat Uniform designed specifically to fit women.



While women may be proud to wear the current ACU, it is anything but a unisex uniform. And it is no secret that many women have complained about the fit. Many are left to buy larger sizes to accommodate their varying attributes, which leaves them looking like a walking tent.

"We need to ensure our women are wearing something they are comfortable in, and it doesn't make them look like their uniform doesn't fit," said BG Peter Fuller, Program Executive Office Soldier.

The Army's female-cut ACU boasts more than a dozen changes suited to meet the size and shape of every individual, according to Sgt 1st Class William Corp, modernization NCO for Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment.

Some adjustments are designed to provide a better fit, while others are designed to give ease of access into pockets and uniformity, Corp said.

Among the upgrades:

- Jacket and trousers will come in 13 sizes, all sized to fit women's figures.
- The rank tab will be moved upward so it is no longer set on the break of the blouse.
- The Army insignia and name tapes will be moved closer to the zipper.
- Shoulder pockets will be sewn farther forward and be angled for easier access.
- The area behind the shoulders will be sewn closer in. This will keep the jacket from falling forward, especially when the soldier bends down.
- Elbow pad, calf, knee pad and sleeve pencil pockets will be repositioned.

Corp said he is confident the

Army's version will be well-received.

"Every soldier in the Army has been trained from day one to take pride in their appearance," he said. "This ACU gives the female a uniform she can take more pride in; it is something designed to fit them, not their male counterpart. I believe it will boost their morale and appearance."

Wear tests and evaluations involving 600 participants will begin in January 2011 at multiple active duty, Guard and reserve sites throughout the country. Fuller expects these to wrap up in the spring of 2011 and plans to present the recommendations to the Uniform Board in November of that year.

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Navy Selects First Subs for Assignment of Women

The Navy has selected the first four submarines to integrate women, a process expected to begin late next year, the Navy announced Oct 21, 2010.



Beginning December 2011, women will be assigned to the crews of the ballistic-missile submarines *USS Wyoming* and *USS Maine*, both of which are homeported in Kings Bay, Georgia, and the guided-missile submarines *USS Georgia* and *USS Ohio*, both of which are homeported in Bangor, Washington. They will report to the submarines after completing training, which consists of nuclear power school, prototype training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course. The blue and gold crews of these subs will each get two women junior officers as well as a women supply lieutenant, who will serve as a professional and personal role model.

In a speech at the annual Naval Submarine League symposium, VADM John Donnelly, Submarine Force commander, cited the benefits of adding women submariners, such as drawing more candidates with technical training,

and said the biggest challenge for the new policy is going to be determined critics.

“There are a group of people who have strongly held opinions, and they will be in the wings, waiting for the first indication there are problems,” Donnelly said. “But the vast majority of the submariners that I’ve talked to on active duty today are fully embracing this change. And I’m convinced that it will improve the atmosphere and war-fighting capabilities of our subs.”

Both the size of the female contingent — about 20 percent of the wardroom — and the presence of a more senior female officer were based on lessons from the integration of the surface fleet, Donnelly said.

Twenty-one women, most of whom are Naval Academy graduates, will be in the first group of submarine officers. “From what I’ve seen of these women,” Donnelly said, “they’re very above average.”

The current plan is to integrate two more submarines in 2012 and then one more each year until 2015.

Plans to integrate enlisted ranks are still being studied, due to complexities with berthing arrangements, official said.



Board Recommends Discharge for Capt Graf

A panel of three rear admirals (two men and one woman) recommended that Captain Holly Graf be retired from the Navy with a general discharge.

In January, she was relieved as commanding officer of the *USS Cowpens* following an inspector general investigation into allegations of cruelty toward her crew. The issue was not her effectiveness as a commanding officer, but rather her leadership style which throughout the inquiry was described as “crass,” “bellicose,” “intimidating,” “humiliating” and “inconsistent.”

Graf’s executive officer testified that she would snap at her subordinates for seemingly trivial matters, calling them “f---ing idiots,” a level of anger is warranted in cases of fire or flooding or fatality, he said. These [outbursts] were typically administrative issues. The assistant damage control officer told the panel that as a bridge watch stander he could make the same decision on different days, never knowing whether he would be praised or berated.

The defense called witnesses who testified that Graf would only become angry and irritated if officers failed to come prepared for the briefs. They described a wardroom with some department heads who would repeatedly failed to follow through with the simplest of tasks. An officer who had

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Helicopter Pilot Featured on NPR



Chief Warrant Officer Stephanie Rose, U.S. Army, was interviewed on National Public Radio about her career as an Apache attack helicopter pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan. She was among the first women to fly the Apache and currently is serving her third combat tour, this one in northern Afghanistan.

She joined the Army just a couple of months before women started flying Apaches. She was the only woman in her class at flight school and several pilots refused to fly with her. Times have changed, she says. It's been years since she's heard a wisecrack about female pilots. Her first tour in Iraq was in 2006, and it was a difficult one. Many helicopters went down and there were many medevac missions to accompany.

She returned to Iraq in 2008, which, she says, "was better, but still no joyride" The deployment included her closest call to date. While flying security during an operation north of Baghdad, ground forces radioed her and another chopper to concentrate on three men running out the

back of a building; one had a suicide vest. Rose was in the "low bird," watching the men with her naked eye.

"He decided to detonate his vest, and tried to time it so it detonated on my aircraft. The blast and the concussion from the explosion picked up the back end of my aircraft and kind of pushed us forward in a way, which was probably the first time I really felt like I didn't have control of the aircraft," she recalls. "You could feel the heat in the cockpit; you could feel the concussion from the explosion. It's probably the first time I thought I had exceeded my own personal limitations in the aircraft," she says. Nevertheless, she brought her Apache home safely, if a bit worse for wear.

She is now on her third combat tour, this time in Afghanistan where the problem is as much about when not to shoot as when to open fire, with civilian casualties a pivotal issue. The power to see in the dark and hit targets thousands of yards away can be intoxicating, but another high-tech gadget onboard the Apache records the pilots' every decision, says Rose. "You own every one of those bullets that come out. It's not a decision I am going to make by myself. It's a team decision, and there's a lot of consideration and a lot of research on the scene," she says.

There are friendly NATO and Afghan troops on the ground, there are often innocent civil-

ians, and there are political considerations that come down to one question, says Rose. "I'm cleared to fire, the ground commander has cleared me to shoot, should I go ahead and pull the trigger? Is my taking this person's life going to make a difference?" she asks.

Rose was married to a pilot and has a 14 year old son. She says she thinks that her first deployment was toughest



for him because we didn't really know what to expect. She said they talked about it and she explained to him that she had made a commitment that she had to see through, a hard lesson for him to learn at an early age.

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Moving Up



Colonel Gwendolyn Bingham, USA has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. She is currently serving as special assistant to the commanding general, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Kuwait.



Brigadier General Lori J. Robinson, USAF has been selected for the rank of major general and assignment to Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC.



Major General Susan J. Helms, USAF has been nominated for appointment to the

rank of lieutenant general and assignment as Commander, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic-Space), Air Force Space Command and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA.



Colonel Flora D. Darpino, USA has been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. She is currently serving as Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Operation New Dawn, Iraq.



Brigadier General Michelle D. Johnson, USAF has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. She is currently serving as the Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL.

On the Move

Brig. Gen. Teresa A. H. Djuric, USAF to Deputy Director, Space and Training Command, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.



First Navy Cyber Warriors Are Women

Two women were awarded the first two Navy enlisted cyber warrior pins.

The two sailors from the Navy Information Operations Command in Fort Meade, MD were the first to receive the Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist qualification.



Captain Steven Ashworth, the unit's commanding officer pinned Cryptologic Technicians (Networks) 1st Class Theresa Verity and Mechelle Krecota in an Oct 18th ceremony.



Around the World



Canada: Major Eleanor Taylor, Commanding Officer of Charles Company, 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment became the first wom-



an to command a Canadian infantry company in combat when she deployed to a remote outpost deep in the Taliban territory of western Kandahar, Afghanistan. She is a qualified paratrooper and one of only two women trained as an infantry officer. Her unit had about 250 soldiers, and at no time were there more than eight women. She had one close call when a Taliban mortar round hit the roof of her company command post, exploding about three feet from her head. She did cause quite a stir among the Afghans. When she took off her blast goggles and helmet, Afghan elders were taken aback. Nevertheless, they were always respectful as were the two Afghan Army companies her unit was partnered with, so she felt that being a woman was "not a handicap at all." One of her regrets was that she had few chances to speak with Afghan women because whenever her soldiers entered a village, the

women all disappeared into their family compounds.

South Korea: The Defense Ministry will open the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program to women. Six of the universities with ROTC programs for men will each accept five women cadets this year. The ministry plans to expand the number of commissioned women officers from the current 4.3 percent to 7.7 percent over the next 10 years, while increasing the number of women non-commissioned officers from 2.9 percent to 5.5 percent. The Korean military says it needs to open its doors further to qualified women to keep abreast of the growing importance of technology, computers, automated systems and communications networks in the military.

Sierra Leone: The government had introduced a policy to ensure equal opportunities for women, including their participation in the Sierra Leone armed forces. The Chief of the Defense Staff said the Army has brought in flexible standards so women can meet the physical recruitment requirements. An estimated 300 women are in the Army. Seven women soldiers were sent to Darfur as part of the UN peacekeeping operations. The next deployment will include 20 women soldiers. The leadership is concerned about having a good workplace environment and has created a

board to handle sexual harassment complaints and one for promotions. Brigadier General Kestoria Kabia, the first woman brigadier general in the subregion, said that "we are trying to get as many women as possible who are interested in the Army to join the force and also see to it that those who are already in the Army operate under favorable conditions and are not discriminated against in any form, structurally or otherwise."

Afghanistan: On Sep 23, 2010, 29 Afghan women became the first to graduate from an officer candidate program mentored by American military



women. They will be used primarily for culturally sensitive tasks: carrying out body searches on women, but will also be assigned to administrative, logistics and finance jobs. Currently, only a few hundred women are serving, but the goal is to reach 30,000, which would be ten percent of the Army. The new graduates are well-educated for an Army in which as many as 70 percent of the recruits are illiterate. All of the women have finished high school and a few hold college degrees.



Ultimate Sacrifice



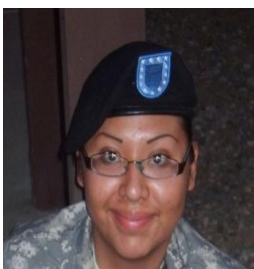
Cheryl Beckett, Civilian, 32, of Knoxville, TN was killed Aug 5, 2010 by the Taliban in



northern Afghanistan. She was a member of a 10 member International Assistance Mission medical-aid team which provided medical, dental and eye care to poor rural villagers.

She had been in Afghanistan for six years educating people on nutritional gardening and mother-child health. A former co-worker said she had an amazing work ethic and passion for her work. For example, she helped organize a relief effort for more than 200 Afghan families who were living a rundown building with no electricity or heat during the winter. She had also traveled to Honduras, Mexico, Kenya and Zimbabwe. Raised near Cincinnati, OH, she was valedictorian of her high school and went on to graduate Summa Cum Laude from college.

Private First Class Barbara Vieyra, USA, 22, of Mesa, AZ died Sep 18, 2010 of



wounds suffered when insurgents attacked her unit with IEDs and rocket pro-

pelled grenades in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. She was assigned to the 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, TX. She was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

She was an expert marksman and had previously served in Korea. She grew up Mesa, AZ on a dairy farm where her father worked.

In 2006, she graduated from Skyline High School in Mesa where she had played on the junior varsity softball team. She also loved to paint.

Private First Class Jaysine P. S. Petree, USA, 19 of Yigo, Guam died Sep 14,



2010 of wounds suffered while traveling between Ghanzi and Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan,

when her military vehicle was attacked with IEDs. She was assigned to the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Richardson, AK. A 2009 graduate of Simon Sanchez High School in Guam, she was described by her fellow students as being fearless, a comedian, an artist, a good student and an athlete. One of her teachers

said Jaysine always wanted to try different things and take on any challenge, but accepted that she might not be the best in all of them.

Staff Sergeant Aracely Gonzalez O'Malley, USA, 31, of Brawley, CA died Oct 22,

2010 in Germany of injuries sustained in a non-combat



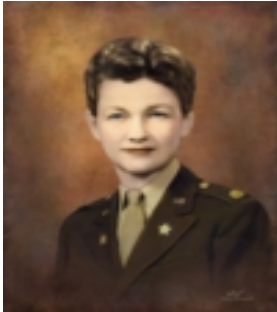
incident Oct 12th at Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan. She was assigned to the 307th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion,

526th Signal Brigade, 311th Signal Command, Schofield Barracks, HI. She had served in the Army for eight years and was a Communications Staff Sergeant. She had also served in Iraq and Africa. She enjoyed music, photography, scrapbooking, dancing and the San Diego Charger football team. She was married and had three children.

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They Also Served —

Mattie Evelyn (Pat) Treadwell, 97, a woman pioneer in the U.S. Army, died Aug 30, 2010 in Houston, TX. She grew up in Texas, and in 1939 moved to Washington, DC to work for the U.S. Civil Service Commission.



In Jul 1942, she became a member of the first officer candidate class of the newly-formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC). In Feb 1943, she was selected as one of the first group of about a dozen women officers to be admitted to the Army's Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, KS. On Sep 1, 1943, she was sworn into the new Women's Army Corps (WAC).

In Mar 1944, Major Treadwell was assigned to WAC Director Oveta Culp Hobby's Office, where she served as Assistant Chief of the WAC Branch. In Apr 1945, she was made Director of Training of the newly-created School for WAC Personnel Administration at Purdue University, IN.

In Oct 1945, she was selected to write the official History of the Women's Army Corps. This was followed in Nov

1947 by *The United States Army in World War, Special Studies* and in 1953 *The Women's Army Corps*. In Nov 1947, she left the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and went into the Air Force Reserve. Meanwhile, she returned to a Civil Service career. She completed writing the WAC history in a civilian capacity.

Returning to Texas in 1952, she was employed by Region Five of the Federal Civil Defense Administration. At various times she served as Assistant Regional Director, and Chief Regional Field Officer.

Fay Elizabeth Anderson, 92, died Sep 16, 2010 in Anchorage AK. Born in White Plains, NY, she served in the Navy from 1942 to



1945, achieving the rank of Yeoman First Class. After living in Texas for 30 years, she moved to Anchorage, AK where she became a renowned gardener. Her neighbors loved her flowers and vegetables, and often sought her advice on how to grow a particular plant.

Margaret Anne Cook, 92, died Sep 18, 2010 in Anchorage, AK. Born in San Antonio, TX, her family moved to Los Angeles, CA in 1925 where



she graduated from Occidental College in 1939 and became a teacher.

She learned to fly and joined the WASPs, but an ear injury forced her to leave them, so she joined Stinson Aircraft Corp as a test pilot. After the war, she continued flying for Stinson and also did stunt flying for movies. In 1953, she moved to Alaska where she worked for the Anchorage School District, taught college classes at Alaska Pacific University and continued flying.

Ellerine Elizabeth Earl, 92, died Sep 19, 2010 in Anchorage, AK. Born in Iron Belt, WI, she attended high school there and then earned her Registered Nurse degree from St.

Joseph Hospital in Ashland WI. During WWII, she was an Army nurse,



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serving from Apr 1945 to Jan 1947. She served with 200th Hospital Ship Complement and had seven trips to the Europe to carry the wounded back to the US.

In 1961, she moved to Anchorage, where she held worked at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute and Alaska Native Service Hospital where she retired in 1971. She enjoyed playing games, especially Bingo, and took great pleasure in her garden.

Margaret Kerr Boylan, 89, died Oct 11, 2010 in Staunton, VA. She served as a WASP in WWII, but her flying career began at age 19, when, out of the blue, her father gave her a canvas-sided



Piper Cub airplane. She thrived as a junior pilot and often took cross-country trips.

From her home in Oklahoma, she'd fly to Roswell, NM to visit a cousin or fly to Minnesota to pick raspberries when they were in season. If she became disoriented, she'd spot a highway from the air,

land in the nearest pasture and flag down a car for directions.

From 1964 to 1986, she served as a congressional liaison and branch chief for the Federal Aviation Administration.

In the mid-1970s, she helped lead a group of former WASPs who successfully lobbied to gain federal benefits and veteran status.

Virginia Mattis Banks, 90, died Oct 12, 2010 in Anchorage, AK. She was born in New Brunswick, NJ and attended Maryville College in TN where she graduated in 1941 with a degree in biology.



She worked for Johnson & Johnson Co. where one of her tasks was to test Band-Aids. During WWII, she served as a clerk in the SPARS from 1943 to 1945, ending up in Ketchikan, AK.

She married a minister, who had also served in the Coast Guard, and they lived in California and Oregon. In 1960, they moved to Anchorage where she was very active in her husband's church. She also worked and retired from the Alaska Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Board Recommends Graf Discharge

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served under her previously testified that she was "tough and unpleasant to work for" but that she brought out the best in him and made him work his hardest. A former command master chief testified that Graf was tough and profane but not beyond anything he had seen in a long Navy career. He said men under her command were uncomfortable receiving orders from a woman. "Having a big, burly guy yelling at you was one thing, he said." But having a small, demure woman yelling at you...well, some men didn't like it."

Overall, Graf was characterized as a complicated commanding officer who was a competent, proven wartime commander, but who also consistently alienated, belittled and berated those under her command.

By a vote of 2-1, the board found she had committed misconduct. By unanimous vote, it found she had committed conduct unbecoming of an officer for maltreatment and cruelty toward her crew as commanding officer. The panel unanimously voted to recommend she be separated from the Navy with a general discharge, but be allowed to retain her rank as a captain. The findings will be forwarded to the Navy Personnel Command and will not be final unless signed by the Secretary of the Navy.



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