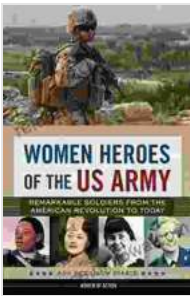


# Women Heroes of the US Army: Courage, Sacrifice, and Service

Throughout the history of the United States Army, countless women have served with distinction, bravery, and unwavering dedication. From the Revolutionary War to the present day, these women have played a vital role in shaping the course of American history.



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In this comprehensive and inspiring book, we honor the remarkable stories of some of the most outstanding women heroes of the US Army. Their stories will inspire you with their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to serving their country.

## Chapter 1: The Revolutionary War

The Revolutionary War was a time of great upheaval and change in America. It was also a time when women began to play a more active role in the military. One of the most famous women of the Revolutionary War was Deborah Sampson. Sampson disguised herself as a man and served in the Continental Army for over a year. She fought in several battles and was wounded twice before her true identity was discovered.

Another notable woman of the Revolutionary War was Molly Pitcher. Molly was a camp follower who helped her husband with his artillery unit. During the Battle of Monmouth, Molly took over her husband's cannon when he was wounded. She fired the cannon several times and helped to turn the tide of the battle.

## **Chapter 2: The Civil War**

The Civil War was one of the bloodiest conflicts in American history. It was also a time when women began to play a more organized role in the military. The most famous women's unit of the Civil War was the United States Sanitary Commission. The Sanitary Commission was a volunteer organization that provided medical care and supplies to soldiers. It was staffed by over 2,000 women, who served in hospitals, on the battlefield, and in prison camps.

Another notable woman of the Civil War was Mary Edwards Walker. Walker was a surgeon who served in the Union Army. She was the first woman to receive the Medal of Honor, the highest military award in the United States. Walker was a tireless advocate for women's rights and she continued to serve in the military after the war.

## **Chapter 3: World War I**

World War I was the first major conflict in which women served in the US Army in large numbers. Over 100,000 women served in the Army during the war, in a variety of roles. They worked as nurses, drivers, clerks, and telephone operators. They also served in combat units, such as the Women's Army Corps (WAC). The WAC was formed in 1942 and it provided vital support to the war effort. WACs served in a variety of roles, including as truck drivers, mechanics, and cooks.

One of the most notable women of World War I was Hazel Ying Lee. Lee was a Chinese-American woman who served in the WAC. She was the first Chinese-American woman to serve in the US Army. Lee served as a clerk and she also helped to recruit other Chinese-American women to join the WAC.

## **Chapter 4: World War II**

World War II was the largest and most destructive conflict in human history. It was also a time when women played a vital role in the war effort. Over 350,000 women served in the US Army during World War II. They served in a variety of roles, including as nurses, drivers, clerks, and pilots. They also served in combat units, such as the WAC and the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). The WASP was formed in 1942 and it provided vital support to the war effort by flying non-combat missions.

One of the most notable women of World War II was Oveta Culp Hobby. Hobby was the first woman to serve as Secretary of the Army. She served in this role from 1953 to 1955. Hobby was a strong advocate for women in the military and she helped to pave the way for women to serve in a wider range of roles.

## **Chapter 5: The Korean War**

The Korean War was a bloody conflict that lasted from 1950 to 1953. Over 100,000 women served in the US Army during the Korean War. They served in a variety of roles, including as nurses, drivers, clerks, and intelligence officers. They also served in combat units, such as the WAC and the Women's Army Medical Corps.

One of the most notable women of the Korean War was Grace Hopper. Hopper was a computer scientist who served in the Navy during World War II. She developed the first compiler for a computer programming language. After the war, Hopper continued to work in the field of computer science and she helped to develop the COBOL programming language. Hopper was a pioneer in the field of computer science and she helped to pave the way for women in the field.

## **Chapter 6: The Vietnam War**

The Vietnam War was a controversial and divisive conflict that lasted from 1964 to 1975. Over 10,000 women served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. They served in a variety of roles, including as nurses, drivers, clerks, and intelligence officers. They also served in combat units, such as the WAC and the Women's Army Medical Corps.

One of the most notable women of the Vietnam War was Phyllis Galde. Galde was a nurse who served in the Army in Vietnam for over a year. She was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for her service. After the war, Galde continued to work as a nurse and she also became an advocate for veterans' rights.

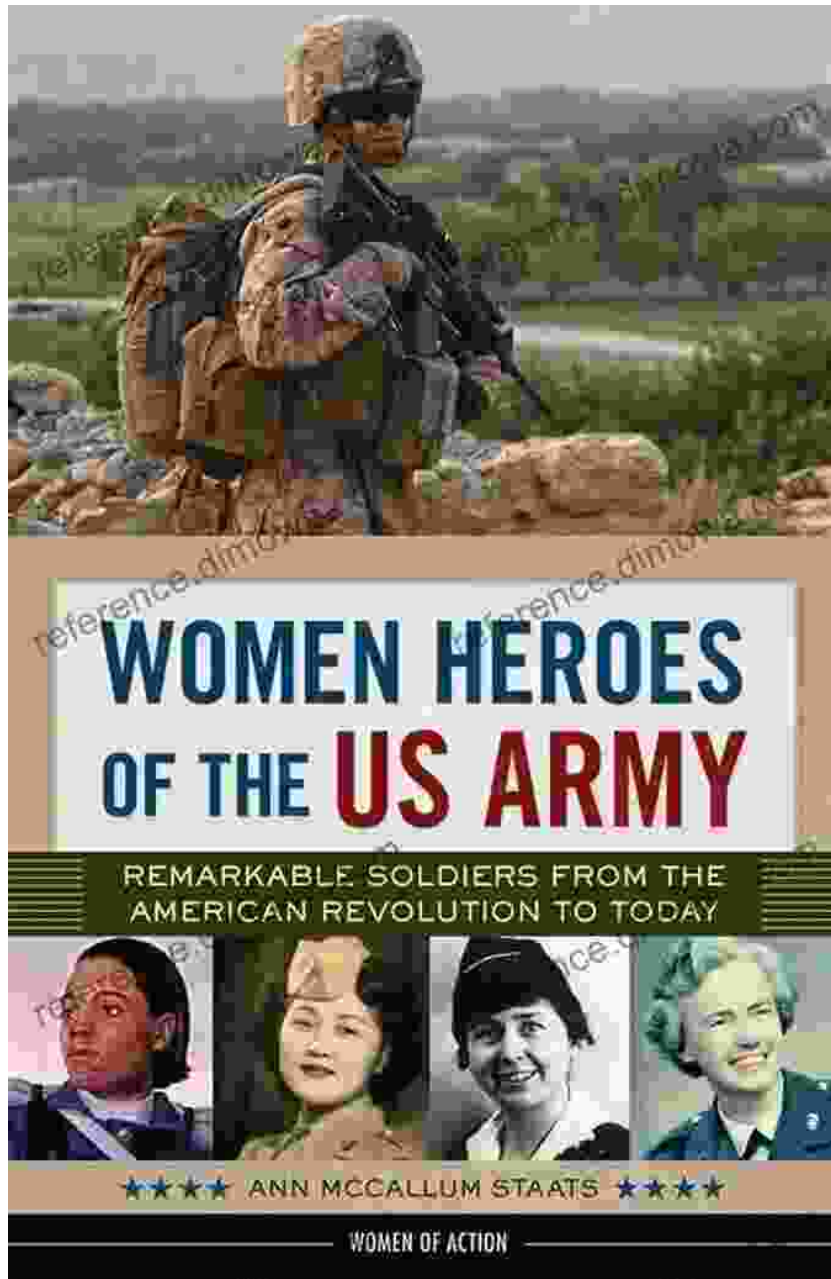
## **Chapter 7: The Post-Vietnam Era**

The post-Vietnam era was a time of great change for the US Army. In 1972, women were allowed to serve in permanent combat roles. This was a major breakthrough for women in the military and it paved the way for women to serve in a wider range of roles.

In 1993, women were allowed to serve in combat aircraft. This was another major breakthrough for women in the military and it further expanded the range of roles that women could serve in.

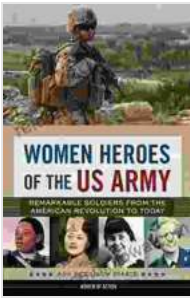
Today, women serve in all ranks and in all branches of the US Army. They have proven themselves to be capable and dedicated soldiers. They have fought in every major conflict since the Revolutionary War and they have made significant contributions to the defense of our country.

The women heroes of the US Army are a source of inspiration for us all. Their stories are a reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and service that women have always been willing to give to their country. We are grateful for their service and we honor their legacy.



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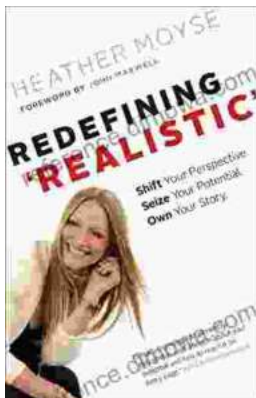
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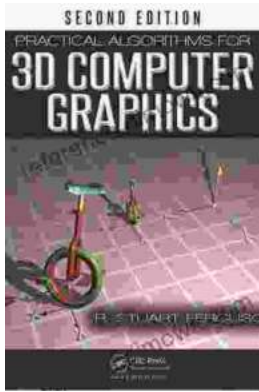
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