



*The Six Triple
Eight
Congressional
Gold Medal*



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Purpose and Agenda

Purpose: To highlight the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion's (Six Triple Eight) challenges, accomplishments, and justification for the bi-partisan Congressional Gold Medal.

Agenda

- Congressional Gold Medal Overview
- WWII: Women In and Supporting the U.S. Military
- WWII: Black Women in the U.S. Army
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The Congressional Gold Medal

Since the American Revolution, Congress has commissioned gold medals as its highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions. Each medal honors a particular individual, institution, or event.

<https://history.house.gov/Institution/Gold-Medal/Gold-Medal-Recipients/>



S.321 - Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal 2021-22

Bi-partisan bill Introduced on February 28, 2019 by Senator Jerry Moran, R-Kansas.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/633>

Summary: *This bill directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to arrange for the award of a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion (commonly known as the "Six Triple Eight") in recognition of their pioneering military service, devotion to duty, and contributions to increase the morale of personnel stationed in the European theater of operations during World War II.*

- **Passed Senate last session by unanimous consent** [Moran bill to honor WWII unit passes Senate \(wibw.com\)](#)
- **Reintroduced in FEB 2021:**
- **Status: PASSED APRIL 29, 2021** [U.S. Senate Passes Legislation to Award 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion the Congressional Gold Medal - News Releases - U.S. Senator for Kansas, Jerry Moran](#)

H.R. 1012 - Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal 2021-22

Bi-partisan bill introduced on June 5, 2019 by Representative Gwendolynne S. Moore (D-WI-4)
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3138>

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Reintroduced as H.R 1012 on FEB 11, 2021

Status: [Cosponsors - H.R.1012 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women's Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the "Six Triple Eight". | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

Votes needed to pass: [290/435 \(2/3rds majority\)](#)



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Why the Congressional Gold Medal?

They prevailed where others failed.

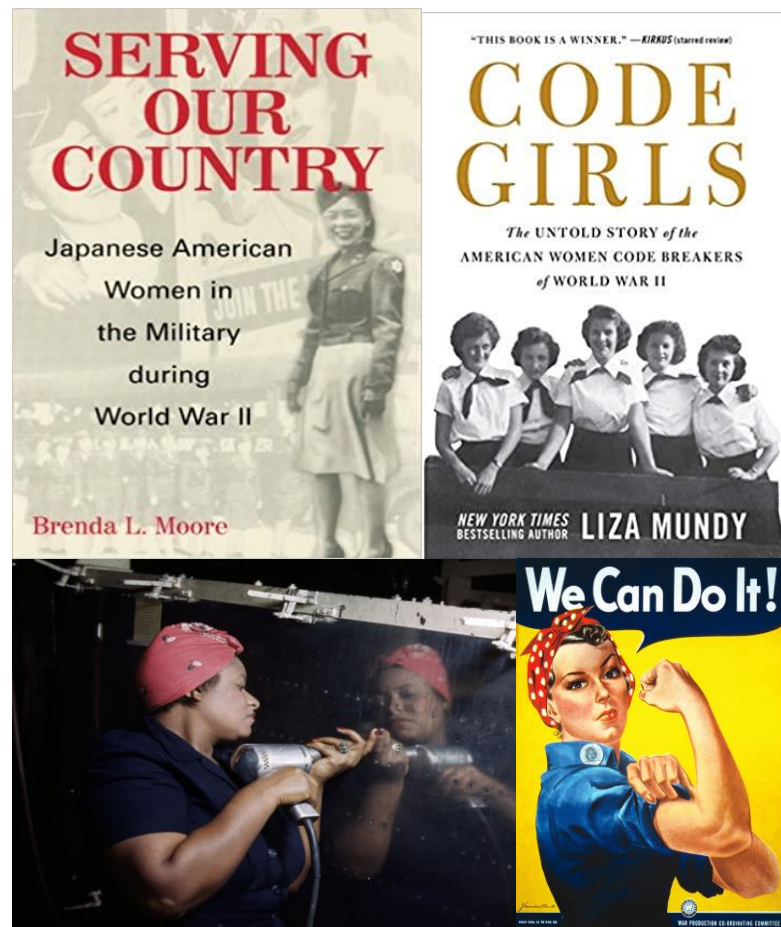
When awarded, the Six Triple Eight will be the only:

- Military unit that was able to clear the mail backlog to improve the morale of the seven million Americans serving in the European Theater of Operations
- Military unit that exceeded performance standards and cleared the backlog in three months instead of the six-month goal.
- Female military unit to receive the Congressional Gold Medal (Note: Women Air Service Pilots were volunteers, didn't receive veteran status until 1977 [WASP Pursued Love of Flying, Fought for Women Vets' Recognition > U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE > Defense Department News](#))
- African American Women's Army Corps unit to receive this honor.

WWII: Women *In and Supporting* the U.S. Military (1941-45)

Goal: To release men for combat

- Women's Army Corps (WAC) 150,000
- Navy's Women Accepted for **Voluntary** Emergency Service (WAVES) 100,000
- Coast Guard Women's **Reserves** *Semper Paratus—Always Ready* (SPARS) 10,000
- Marine Corps Women's **Reserve** 23,000
- Army Nurse Corps 60,000
- Navy Nurse Corps 14,000
- Women's Airforce **Service Pilots** (WASP) 1,074



During World War II, approximately 5 million civilian women served in the defense industry and elsewhere in the commercial sector – est.10K “Code Girls w/a few Black women (e.g., Ethel Highwarden Just) and est. 600K Black Rosey the Riveters.

Source: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/students-teachers/student-resources/research-starters/research-starters-us-military-numbers>



WWII: Women's Army Corps (WAC) Creation

MAY 1941: U.S Representative Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts introduced a bill to create the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC).

MAY 1942: President Franklin D. Roosevelt created Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) but not with official military status. **Public Law 77-554**

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, civil rights leader and Presidential Advisor, advocated for African-American women to join the WAACs as enlisted personnel and officers.

JUL 1942: New WAAC recruits underwent four to six weeks of basic training, at Fort Des Moines, IA, including a physical training program, often followed by four to twelve weeks of specialist training - (440 officers and 125 enlisted including 40 black women for Officers training; **Captain Charity Adams (left) was first the Black WAAC officer**).

JUL 1943: President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the US Army Women's Army Corps (WAC). **Public Law 78-110**

OCT 1978: President Jimmy Carter disbanded the Women's Army Corps. **Public Law 95-485**

WWII: Limits on Black Women in the U.S Army



Photo Courtesy: MGySgt (Ret.) Joe Geeter, USMC

- During the war, 6,520 African-American women served in the U.S. Army.
- Due to enforced segregation in the U.S. known as “Jim Crow,” WWII Black WAAC/WAC recruitment was limited to **10 percent—matching the percentage of African-Americans in the U.S. population at the time.**
- The U.S. Army’s policy reflected the laws requiring separate facilities for Blacks and Whites.
- The 855 member 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was the *only* African American WAC unit to serve overseas (February 1945-February 1946).



Black WACs: Harsh Treatment in the U.S.

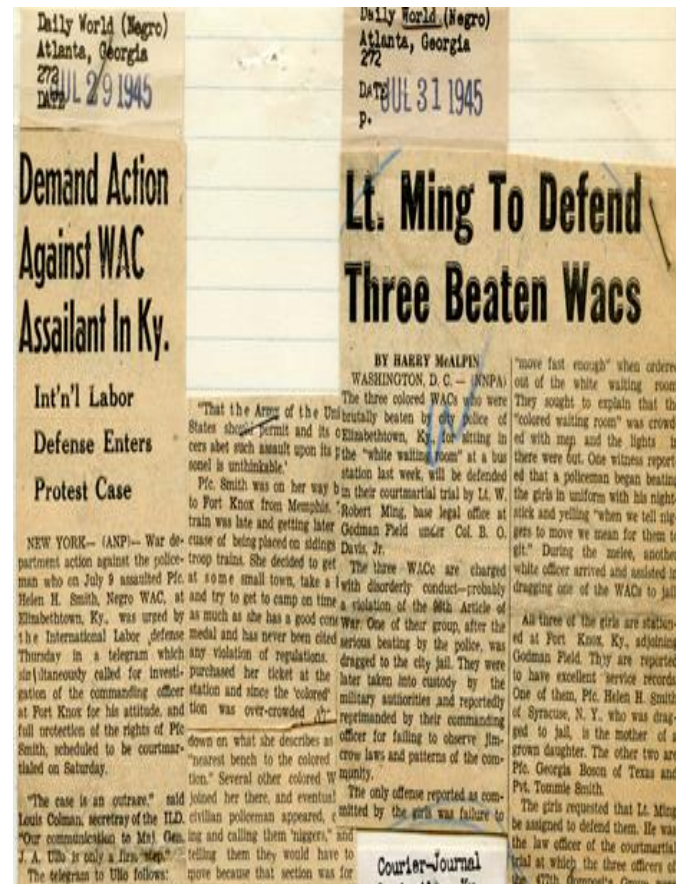
MAR 1945: Four Black WAC privates participated in a strike at Fort Devens, MA, and opted to take a court martial rather than accept discriminatory work assignments.

<https://www.press.uillinois.edu/books/catalog/37s nm5mg9780252041716.html>

JUL 1945: Police officers beat three Black WACS for sitting in the waiting room designated for whites at the Greyhound bus station in Elizabethtown, KY.

- PFC Helen Smith of Syracuse, NY, was taken to jail and released a few hours later, bleeding from her injuries. PFC Georgia Bason, from Texas, and PVT Tommie Smith, were also beaten. The women continued their return to Fort Knox.
- Lieutenant W. Robert Ming, base legal officer at Godman Field under Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., defended the WACS. The charges were later reduced to disorderly conduct. PFC Smith spent a week in the hospital recovering from her injuries.

<http://nkaa.uky.edu/nkaa/items/show/1789>



Black WACS: U.S. Duty Stations

Inconclusive

- Amarillo Army Airfield, Texas
- Camp Beale, California
- Camp Forrest, Tennessee
- Camp John T. Knight, California
- Camp Maxey, Texas
- Camp Stoneman, California
- Douglas Army Airfield, Arizona
- Fort Benning, Georgia
- Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- Fort Des Moines, Iowa
- Fort Devens, Massachusetts
- Fort Huachuca, Arizona
- Fort Jackson, South Carolina
- Gardiner General Hospital, Illinois
- Halloran General Hospital, New York
- Lovell General Hospital, Massachusetts
- Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Fort Lewis, Washington
- Fort McClellan, Alabama
- **Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia***
- Fort Ord, California
- Fort Riley, Kansas
- Fort Sheridan, Illinois
- Geiger Field, Washington
- Kearns Field, Utah
- Lemoore Army Airfield, California
- Lockbourne Army Air Base, Ohio
- Sioux City Army Air Base, Iowa
- Walla Walla Army Airfield, Washington
- Thomas E. England General Hospital, New Jersey
- Wakeman General Hospital, Indiana

****Six Triple Eight overseas training location***

Six Triple Eight: Two Weeks Overseas Training: Fort Oglethorpe Georgia - JAN 1945



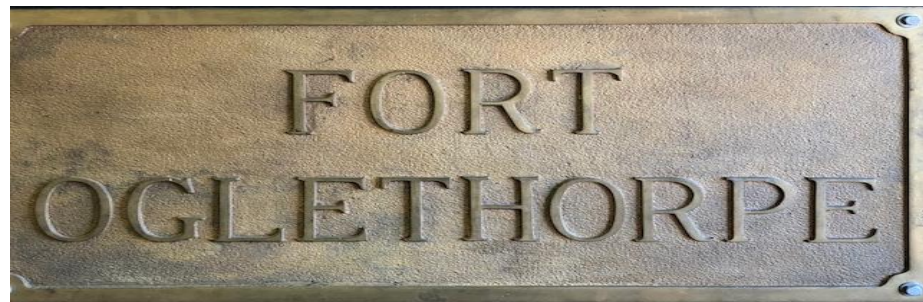
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Pictured Left to Right: Christine McKeever, Executive Director, 6th Cavalry Museum, Brian Autry, Interpretative Park Ranger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, and Col. Edna Cummings FEB 2020.

More info:

- <https://www.6thcavalrymuseum.org/6888th-in-fort-oglethorpe>
- <https://www.timesfreepress.com/news/opinion/columnns/story/2017/may/14/autry-womens-army-corps-chickamauga/427649/>

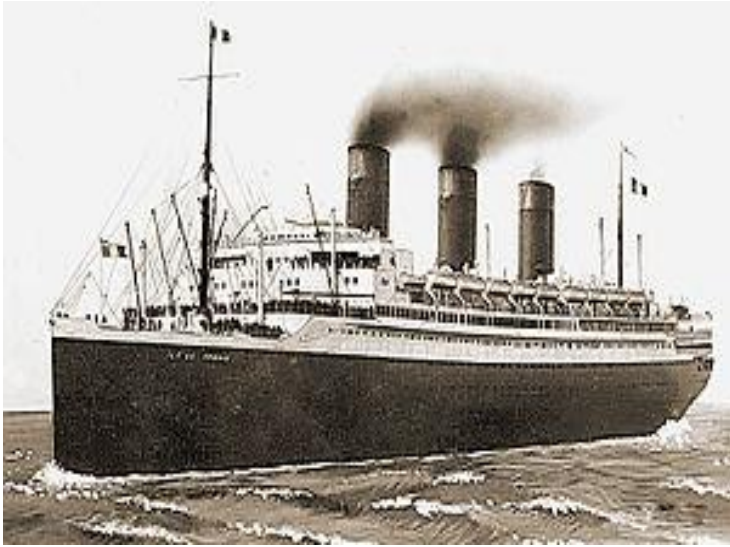


Six Triple Eight: Departure for Europe (Camp Shanks, NY)



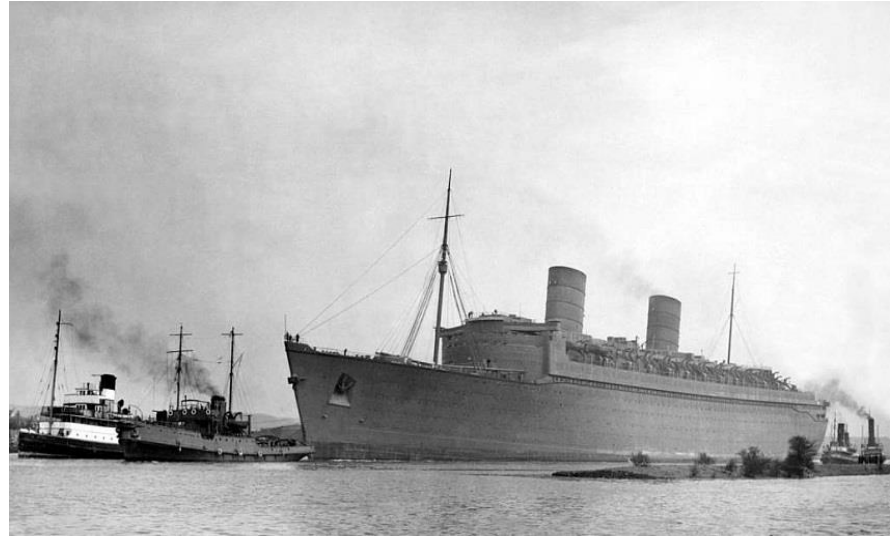
WACs pose at Camp Shanks, New York, before leaving from New York Port of Embarkation on February 2, 1945. The women are with the first contingent of Black WACs to go overseas for the war effort. From left to right are, kneeling: PVT Rose Stone, PVT Virginia Blake, and PFC Marie B. Gillespie. Second row: PVT Genevieve Marshall, T/5 Fanny L. Talbert, and CPL Callie K. Smith. Third row: PVT Gladys Schuster Carter, T/4 Evelyn C. Martin, and PFC Theodora Palmer.

Departure for Europe - cont'd.



Ile de France

First arrivals: England February 1945



Queen Elizabeth

Second arrivals: April 1945

Despite “close calls” with German U-Boats as they crossed the Atlantic, the courageous women of the Six Triple Eight maintained a positive attitude. Upon arrival in Glasgow, Scotland in February 1945, the women had to seek cover because of a V-Bomb exploding when their shipped docked.

European Theater of Operations (ETO): Chaotic Mail Operations— Low Morale

Under the heading of “Personnel Problems,” an Adjutant General’s report stated “Since D-Day, and for a long time prior to that date, a shortage of qualified postal officers has existed within the European theater. The Postal Division continually sought to secure additional officers by requisition from the Reinforcement System and from the Zone of the Interior.”

Although there were personnel stationed at Birmingham to handle the mail, the system was in chaos (White WACS pictured).



ETO Chaotic Mail Operations cont'd.

In February 1945, warehouses in Birmingham, England, were filled with millions of pieces of mail intended for the *seven million* U.S. military, Government, politicians, civilians, and Red Cross workers serving in the European Theater.

Airplane hangars held undelivered Christmas packages, and a constant stream of incoming mail added to the already massive backlog of letters and packages.

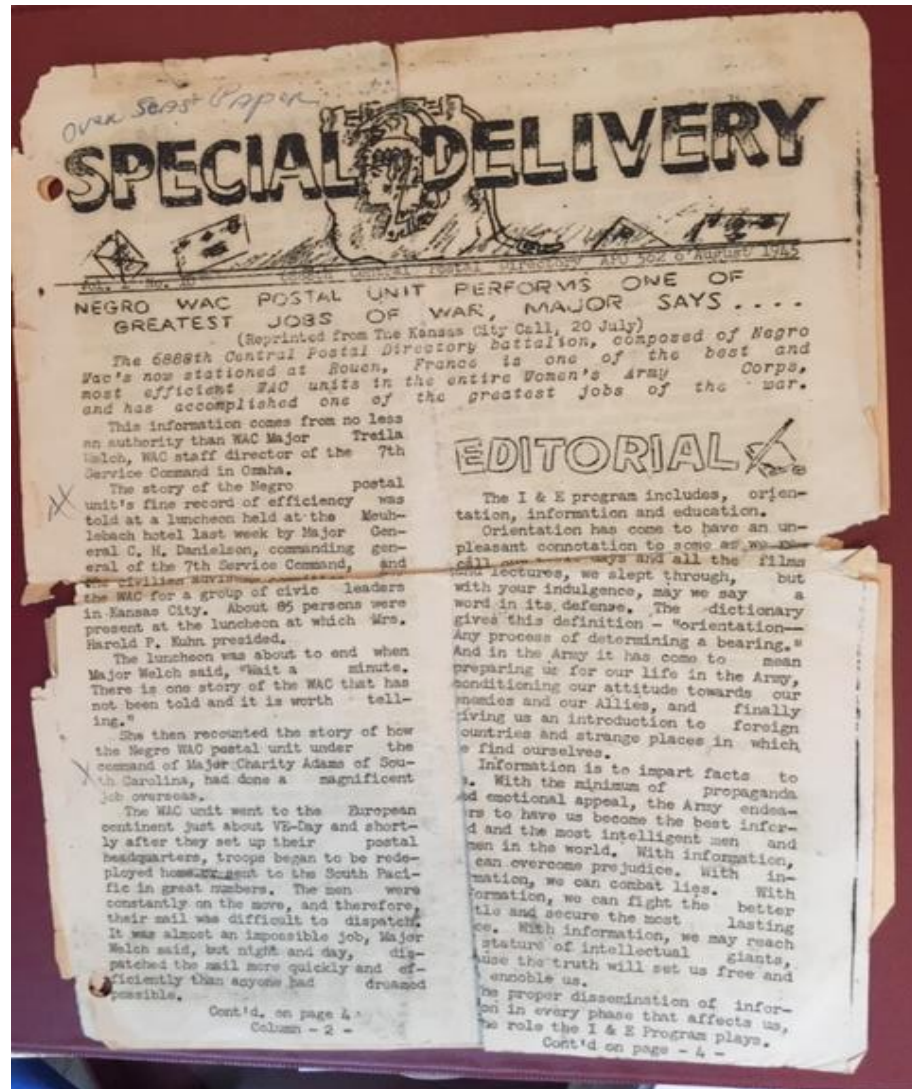
As Allied forces drove across Europe, ever-changing locations hampered mail delivery to service members. Many personnel in the European Theater shared common names (i.e., 7,500 Robert Smiths, Buster, Junior, etc.).

Service members noticed that they weren't getting mail from home, and Army officials reported that the lack of reliable mail delivery was hurting morale. One general predicted that the backlog in Birmingham would *take six months to process*.



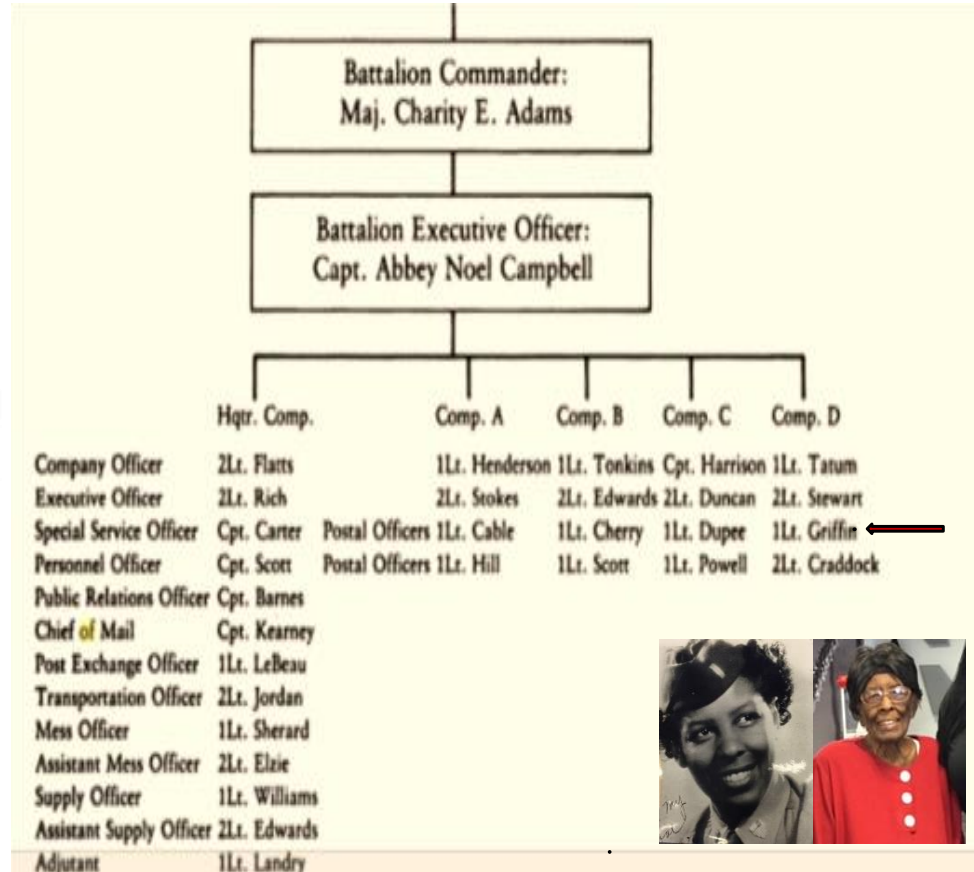
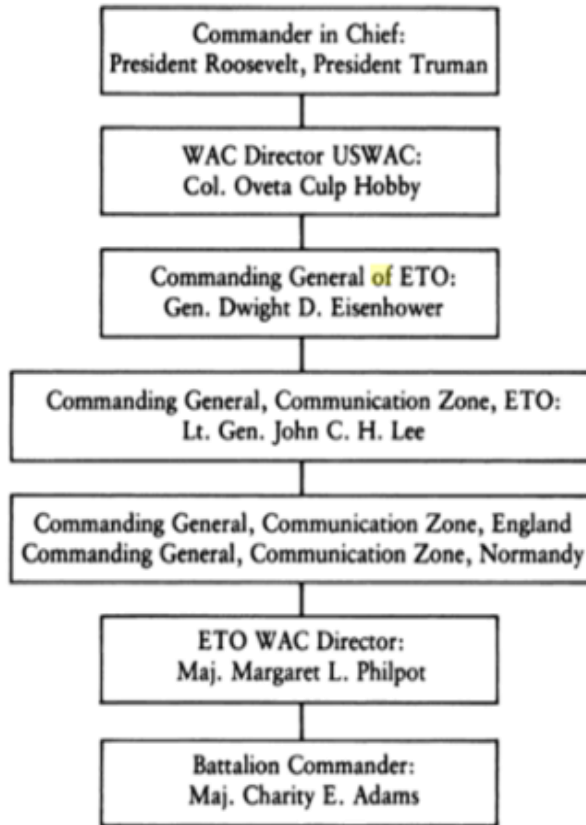
The Solution: The Six Triple Eight “No Mail, Low Morale”

- **Problem:** Several years of backlogged mail in the ETO.
- **Conditions:** Cold, dirty, rat-infested, aircraft hangars; broken windows with black out curtains to prevent enemy detection.
- **Solution:** 24/7 operations; organized in three shifts to sort and route mail based on serial number.
- **Result:** In Birmingham, England, they reduced the mail backlog in three months instead the six-month estimate. Processed 65,000 pieces of mail per shift. Estimate: $65,000 \times 3 = 195,000$ per 24hrs
- **Follow on Mission:** Reduce mail backlogs in Rouen and Paris, France.



Six Triple Eight: Chain of Command

855 personnel: 31 officers, 824 enlisted



Maj, Ret. Griffin, USAF, 99, Tempe, AZ

https://www.azfamily.com/news/features/arizona-woman-stars-in-documentary-about-all-black-all-female-wwii-battalion/article_f955e9b4-f617-11e9-8613-4b7e2aa7409d.html



Locations: Birmingham, England. and Rouen and Paris France (FEB 1945 - FEB 1946)

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Battalion Commander: Major Charity Edna Adams



DOB: December 5, 1919

Dates of Service: 1942 -1946

Death: January 13, 2002

- Born in Kitrell, NC, grew up in Columbia, SC. B.S, mathematics, Latin, and physics, Wilberforce; M.S. Vocational Psychology, Ohio State
- First African-American woman to be an officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later WACS).
- As a Major, she commanded the only battalion of Black Women Army Corps to serve overseas during World War II.
- Reprimanded by a colonel for “**race-mixing**” after accepting an invitation to a white Officers Club.
- When a general stated, "I'm going to send a white first lieutenant down here to show you how to run this unit!" Major Adams responded, "***Over my dead body, sir.***“
- Refused Red Cross’ segregated recreational facilities in Europe
- **DEC ‘45:** Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. At the end of WWII, she was the highest-ranking Black female officer.

Life in Birmingham, England

- Devised a system to clear the mail backlog in record time.
- Overall pleasant experiences filled with hard work and travel.
- Welcomed by the locals.
- Formed sports teams and entertainment groups.
- Self sustaining: Segregated by race and gender, they performed all military and support tasks (i.e., cooking, logistics, driving, hair salons, maintenance, etc.).



Life in France and Return to the U. S.

MAY 1945 (Rouen): The *Six Triple Eight* marched in the Joan of Arc parade, Rouen France. Since women were not allowed to carry weapons, Major Adams arranged jiu-jitsu training for them to ward off curious onlookers.

JUL 1945: Three WACs were killed in a jeep accident in Rouen, France. Three of the four women buried at Normandy American Cemetery near the D-Day beaches are from the *Six Triple Eight*.

AUG 1945: With the war in Europe and Japan over, some of the women prepared for deployment to the China-Burma-India Theater, but instead they returned the U.S.

SEP 45: Japan surrenders onboard the USS Missouri: WWII Allied Victory.

FEB 1946: The last of the *Six Triple Eight* returns to the segregated U.S. without recognition of their service.

MAR 1946: The *Six Triple Eight* is deactivated at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.



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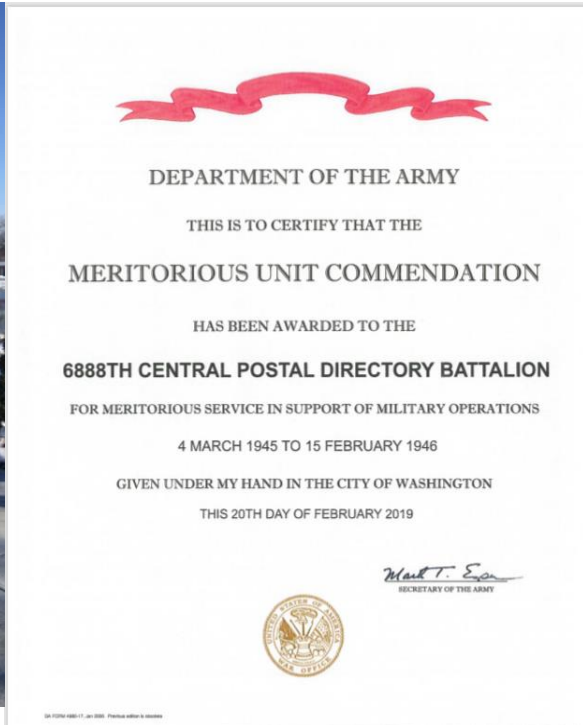
Elizabeth B. Barker
1708 Vantage Street
Winston, Salem, North Carolina

returned to the UNITED STATES on the ship "QUEEN MARY" (Cunard White Star) which sailed from Southampton, England on 4th November, 1945

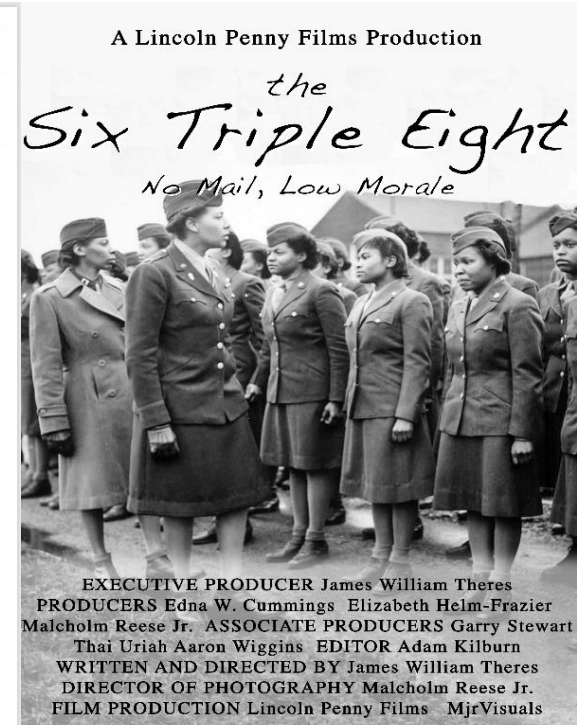
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Title Col., T.C., Transport Commander



**6888th Monument Ft.
Leavenworth KS, Dedicated
NOV 2018**



Only unit commendation award



Documentary released MAR 2019
[the Six Triple Eight](#) «
[lincolnpennyfilms](#)

75 Years Later... Recognitions

Where others had failed, *The Six Triple Eight* succeeded in processing for delivery over 17 million pieces of mail for seven million Americans in Europe. Seventy-five years later, the Six Triple Eight is finally receiving overdue honors.

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U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Robert W. Johnson (center) dedicated a Blue Plaque at the King Edwards School to mark where 688th was stationed in Birmingham England, May 2019. US Embassy sponsored Documentary tour: [US Ambassador presents plaque to commemorate 6888th Battalion - King Edwards School \(kes.org.uk\)](http://www.kes.org.uk)

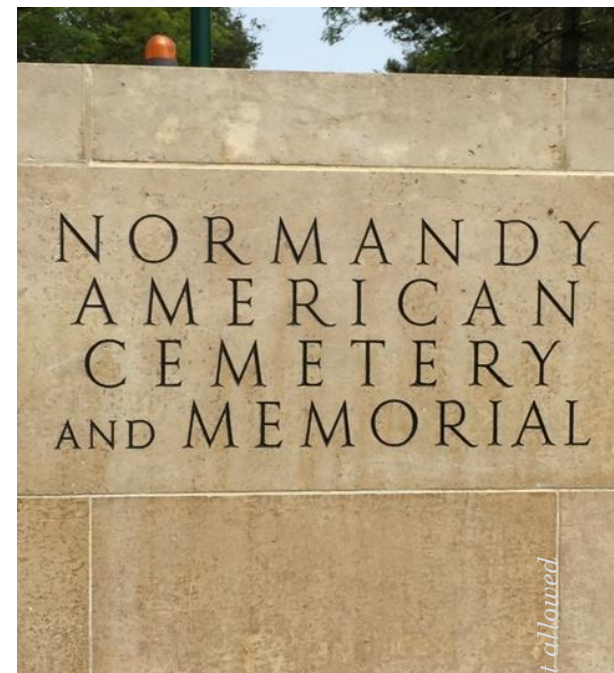
Recognitions cont'd.



FEB and JUN 2019 Congressional Gold Medal Bill introduced; Reintroduced FEB 2021

Seven Six Triple Eight veterans are known to be alive.

As of May 2020, The [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](http://www.va.gov) reports that approximately 325,000 WWII veterans remain alive, a significant decline on the 939,000 alive in 2015. An average of 245 WWII veterans die every day (calculated by the VA before the COVID-19 outbreak).



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A lit yellow candle is the central focus of the image. The flame is bright and steady, casting a warm glow on the candle's surface. The background is dark, making the candle stand out. The text 'IN MEMORIAM' is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

IN MEMORIAM

**Ms. Elizabeth
Barker Johnson
May 2, 1920—
August 23, 2020**

World War II veteran and Winston-Salem State University alumna, Elizabeth Barker Johnson, gained a bit of celebrity last year when she was featured on local and national news for walking in the 2019 commencement ceremony, 70 years after graduating from the institution.





**Hall of Fame Coach
John R. Thompson, Jr.
September 2, 1941-
August 30, 2020**

Coach John Thompson's cousin, SGT Gertrude Hall, was a Six Triple Eight member. He was an avid supporter of the efforts to bring this untold story to the forefront. He shared how his mother beamed whenever she spoke about his smart cousin, the WAC. At the time, he didn't know what a WAC was or what it meant to be in the military. However, he did know that whatever his cousin was doing was honorable and made his mother proud.



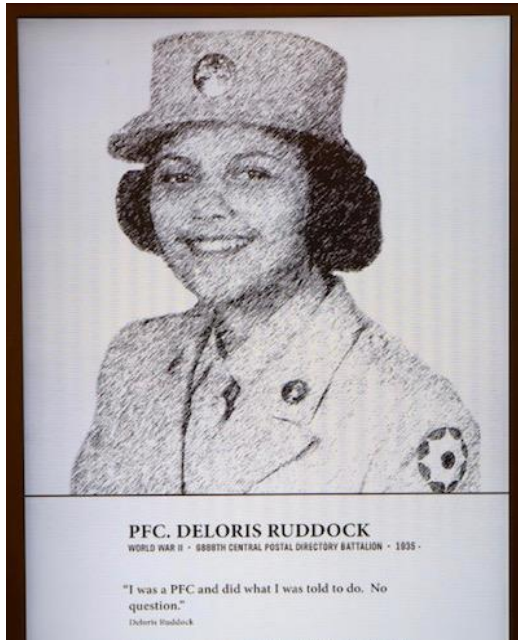
PVT Hunt



**Ms. Indiana Hunt-
Martin
May 30, 1922 –
September 21,
2020**

Born in Uvalda, GA, she enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 22. After serving one year and 3 months in the Army, she worked in New York City for the State Department and the Labor Department Niagara Falls' office in 1949, and the Buffalo office in 1964. Ms. Hunt – Martin worked for the New York Labor Department for a total of 41 years, before her retirement in 1987. In May 2021, Congressman Higgins announced legislation to rename the Buffalo NY Post Office in her honor. [New legislation to rename Buffalo post office after women's Army Corps WWII veteran \(msn.com\)](#)





Deloris L. Ruddock

September 16,
1923 -
March 21, 2021

Ms. Ruddock enlisted into the U.S. Army at the age of 19 and was assigned to D Company, 6888th Postal Directory Battalion, After separating from the Army, she used the GI Bill to attend the New York Fashion Institute and retired in New York City from a career in banking as the Officer on Deck. In 1989, she relocated to Mt. Rainier MD and worked at the food pantry at her church, National City Christian Church, Washington, DC. On May 24, 2021, the Department of Veterans Affairs introduced the online Veterans Legacy Memorial, featuring Ms. Ruddock. [National Cemetery Administration \(va.gov\)](https://www.nationalcemeteryadministration.va.gov)



How You Can Help

- **Individuals:** Contact your member of Congress and ask them to co-sponsor **H.R.1012**, *The Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal*
 - [H.R.1012 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women's Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the "Six Triple Eight". | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)
- **Organizations:** Send a Letter of Support to the House Bill Sponsor.
H.R.1012 (House Bill) Goldson, Chris Chris.Goldson@mail.house.gov
- Locate African American women veterans who may be alive and served in the Six Triple Eight. List of names:
<https://www.womenofthe6888th.org/list-of-6888th-veterans>

“Whether their jobs were large or small, their contributions were made in the cause of freedom and they knew it. As the women began to march forward, we were swept forward by their sacrifices. We stand on their shoulders. Because they stepped out of line.” Major General (Ret.) Mari K. Eder, author, [The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line: Untold Stories of the Women Who Changed the Course of World War II](#): Eder, Mari: 9781728230924: Amazon.com: Books



Retired Master Sgt. Elizabeth Helm-Frazier touches the bust made in the likeness of battalion commander Lt. Col. Charity Adams on the monument honoring the all-female, all-African- American 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Nov. 29, 2018 in the Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Area, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Prudence Siebert / Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Summary

- During WWII, approximately 350,000 women served *in* or *with* the military; the military limited Black WAC recruiting to 10%, resulting in 6,520 Black WACS.
- The Six Triple Eight was the only African American Women's Army Corps unit to serve in Europe during WWII.
- Only four women are buried in Normandy, three are from the Six Triple Eight.
- In three months, the Six Triple Eight *processed approximately more than 17 million pieces of mail and packages* in Birmingham, England before relocating to Rouen and Paris France They reduced mail backlog and significantly improved the morale of Americans serving in the ETO.
- Major Charity Adams, the first Black WAC officer commanded the Six Triple Eight. In DEC 1945, she was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. At war's end, LTC Adams was the highest-ranking Black female on in the Army.
- Seventy years later, the Six Triple Eight received several recognitions, including their only military performance award, The Meritorious Unit Commendation. In FEB and JUN 2019, and FEB 2021, Congress introduced the Six Triple Eight *Congressional Gold Medal Act* to honor their service to our nation.
- Seven Six Triple Eight veterans are known to be alive.



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