

Warrior Women

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? “Molly Pitcher” is the legendary name of either Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley or Margaret Hays. The story is that “Molly” carried pitchers of water to Patriot troops to cool the canons during a battle in the American Revolution.

? Hanna Reitsch was a German aviator who was a test pilot for the Luftwaffe during World War II. She flew the last Luftwaffe plane out of Berlin in 1945.

? The Nigerian Islamist terrorist group, Boko Haram, is the first organization to use women in a majority of its suicide bombings.

? Deborah Sampson Gannett fought in combat for the Patriots during the American Revolution under the name Robert Shirtliff. When her gender was revealed, Gannett was given an honorable discharge.

? North Korea practices “selective conscription” for women, which means if a woman has the skills the military needs, then she really has no choice but to join.

? In Greek mythology, the Amazons were a society of all-female warriors and hunters. They only had relations with men to produce female offspring; boys were either killed or returned to their fathers.

? Israel requires women as well as men to serve in its military and is one of the few militaries where women serve in combat roles.

? WAVES is an acronym that stands for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. This was a branch of the US Navy Reserve where women served as officers in non-combat roles during World War II.

? Major Margaret J. "Hot Lips" Houlihan is one of the best known fictional military women. She was a nurse with the rank of major in the M*A*S*H franchise.

? Norway and Israel both began allowing women in all military units in 1985. Norway became the first NATO country to do so.

? Warrior goddesses were not uncommon in the ancient world. The Greek goddess Athena, the Assyrian goddess Ishtar, and the Egyptian lioness headed goddess Sekhmet, were all martial deities.

? “Apache” was the name of a mysterious female sniper who fought for the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. She was killed in 1966 by American sniper, Carlos Hathcock.

? During World War II, more than 1,000 female snipers fought for the Red Army. A regiment of female fighter pilots also took on the Luftwaffe.

? Boudica known in Latin chronicles as Boadicea or Boudicea, and in Welsh as Buddug, was a queen of the British Iceni tribe who led an uprising against the conquering forces of the Roman Empire in AD 60 or 61. She personally led battles against the Romans before being defeated and taking her own life.

? In 2000, women comprised just 4% of all US military veterans, but it's estimated they'll be 18% in 2040.

? Marina Raskova was the Red Army's first combat pilot. She was killed during the Battle of Stalingrad in 1943.

? About a quarter of Eritrea's fighters were female during its War of Independence (1961-1991) from Ethiopia. Today, young women are conscripted into the Eritrean military.

? “Axis Sally” was the nickname for two American women—Mildred Gillars and Rita Zucca - who broadcast pro-Axis propaganda during World War II. Both women served time in prison for their Axis activities.

? Ulrike Meinhof was a founding member and the ideological brains behind the 1970s German leftist terrorist group, Red Army Faction/Baader Meinhof Group. She died in prison in 1976.

? In 2005, American soldier Leigh Ann Hester (deployed to Iraq) became the first female since World War II to be awarded the Silver Star and the first ever to be cited for valor in close quarters combat.

? In 1976 the US service academies began admitting women and in 1980 the first 54 graduates entered the military as officers.

? In the conservative Islamic nation of Iran, women serve in the Basij volunteer militia. It's estimated that there are 600,000 women combat capable in this force.