

Sergeant Major Betty Adams

Sergeant Major Betty Adams enlisted in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in 1952 and was trained as a stenographer early in her career. As the situation in Vietnam intensified, Adams' excellence in training, administration and recruiting was recognized when she was selected as the first enlisted advisor to the South Vietnamese Women's Armed Forces Corps (WAFC). In 1965, First Sergeant Adams stepped off a plane in Saigon and went to work establishing a five week training program in Vietnam that closely paralleled the WAC program. She even learned to count cadence in Vietnamese. Adams went on to have a twenty-three year long, highly decorated career in the Women's Army Corps. When asked what motivated her to devote her life to military service, Adams replied, "I love to travel. And you get such a good education dealing with other people all the time."

