



MEDIA FACT SHEET

U.S. Army Women's Museum

Fort Lee, Va. – The U.S. Army Women's Museum is a permanent historical and educational institution and a military museum. AWM is the only museum in the world dedicated to Army women. From Bunker Hill to a bunker in Iraq, women have always been there. Honoring these women is an important part of the museum's mission. Our museum is the repository for artifacts and archival material pertaining to the service of women across all branches and organizations of the U.S. Army from inception to the present day. We collect, preserve, interpret and exhibit these unique artifacts as a means to provide training and educational outreach.

The history of the museum began on 15 May 1955 when the WAC Museum was officially dedicated at Fort McClellan, Alabama. The dedication was a simultaneous celebration in conjunction with the 13th Anniversary of the Women's Army Corps. Over the years the US Army Women's Foundation (formerly the WAC Foundation) has embraced the museum. Their generous support continues to this day. Not just monetarily, but with artifact donations and especially oral histories. Our oral history program, Extraordinary Voices, is an integral part of the holistic approach to further the museum's mission and engage visitors.

The museum's mission expanded in 2000 when the museum was moved to Fort Lee, Virginia and the name changed to the US Army Women's Museum. Previously the mission focused on the Women's Army Corps, 1942 – 1978. Now it tells the story of women's contributions to the Army throughout American history.