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## **Celebrating U.S. Army Women during Women’s History Month**

**Fort Belvoir, Va.**— In commemoration of Women’s History Month, the National Museum of the United States Army in Alexandria, Virginia will host events in tribute to the women who have served in the United States Army since the Revolutionary War. The Army Historical Foundation will also host a special day-long battle ride to historical sites in the greater Washington, DC area, exploring the role of women during the Civil War.

The Museum’s events are free and open to the public. Advance registration is required through the Museum’s online events calendar at [theNMUSA.org](http://theNMUSA.org).

**March 7, 7 p.m. (virtual) and March 14, 12 p.m. (in-person, virtual)**

*Our Girls Over There: The Hello Girls of World War I*

In 1918, a special Army unit comprised of female telephone operators made history as the first women to actively support combat operations on a regular basis. In doing so, they paved the way for expanded roles for women both in the U.S. Army and at home.

**March 8 and March 15, 12 p.m. (virtual), and March 22, 12 p.m. (in-person, virtual)**

*Like Angels from Heaven: U.S. Army Nurses and the War with Spain*

When the U.S. declared war on Spain in 1898, female nurses were recruited to address the spread of disease that came from the enormous influx of new Soldiers into crowded camps. Their extraordinary service inspired the establishment of the Nurses Corps as a permanent part of the U.S. Army just a few years later.

The Foundation’s Battle Ride on **March 25** requires advance registration with a registration fee. The day-long event, “Angles on the Battlefield: Women in the Civil War,” will explore the experience of women in battle and on the home front by visiting the Antietam National Battlefield, the Village of Waterford, Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum and The Winery at Bull Run. Details are available at [ArmyHistory.org](http://ArmyHistory.org).

The National Army Museum is open seven days a week and free timed-entry tickets are available at [theNMUSA.org](http://theNMUSA.org). The Museum Campus has a dedicated public entrance at 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060.

More details about the Museum can be found in the [Museum's media kit](#). A collection of high-resolution photos is available <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usarmymuseum/>.

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### **About the National Museum of the United States Army**

The National Museum of the United States Army provides the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions through the eyes of the American Soldier. By preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting invaluable artifacts, the National Army Museum creates learning opportunities for all visitors and bonds the American people to their oldest military service. We are America's Army Museum.

The U.S. Army owns and operates the Museum. The Army Historical Foundation continues its fundraising role in support of the Museum and manages all retail, catering and special events.

For more information on the National Museum of the United States Army visit [www.theNMUSA.org](http://www.theNMUSA.org).

### **About The Army Historical Foundation**

The Army Historical Foundation establishes, assists, and promotes programs and projects that preserve the history of the American Soldier and promote public understanding of and appreciation for the contributions by all components of the U.S. Army and its members. The Foundation serves as the Army's official fundraising entity for the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army. The award-winning, LEED- certified Museum opened on November 11, 2020, at Fort Belvoir, Va., and will honor the service and sacrifice of all American Soldiers who have served since the Army's inception in 1775. For more information on the Foundation and the National Museum of the United States Army, visit [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org).