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ERIE COUNTY WOMEN IN WAR TIME



MAKING OF THE FLAG "DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP"

Steadfast in the face of war in the summer of 1813, seven brave Erie women stitched the flag that Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry carried into battle. British ships were on Lake Erie poised for attack. Although many fled south, Margaret Forster Steuart, her sister Dorcas, and five nieces remained to complete this rallying banner. The flag is preserved at the US Naval Academy Museum in Annapolis, Md., and its words have become a Navy motto.

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WAR OF 1812

MAKING OF THE FLAG

DONT GIVE UP

THE SHIP

A CIVIL WAR HOSPITAL AWAY FROM THE WAR FRONT



SOURCE:
<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/535435843177192539/>

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

FOUNDED BY CLARA BARTON
IN 1883



SOURCE: <https://www.redcross.org/>

CALISTA INGERSOLL GARA



SOURCE:

<https://www.goerie.com/news/20191006/women-in-erie-history-you-should-know-calista-ingersoll-gara>



THE CIVIL WAR

- THE MONUMENT LADIES AND THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT...
- HELEN BALL
- CAROLINE MOORHEAD
- SARAH REED



SOURCE: <https://omniatlas.com/maps/north-america/19621024/plain/>

**IDA TARBELL
SERVED ON THE
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
OF PRESIDENT
WILSON'S NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.**



SOURCE: <https://www.timetoast.com/timelines/u-s-history-99f3d9e9-0d36-483a-bc7e-d06e0f7f521f>

RED CROSS ABLE AIDES O

HELPED BOYS IN WORLD WAR

Served in Army



Lieut. Claude H. Miller, Co. H,
34th Infantry, sales and advertis-
ing manager Lawrie Bros.

tiringly devoted all their spare time in working for the boys at the front. The cutting of garments and bandages was in charge of Mrs. George Metcalfe, and Mrs. Arthur Streuber; folding and sorting, Mrs. Harry Moore.

Children as well as grown ups helped in the knitting of sweaters, socks, blankets, and many other articles for the soldiers. In fifteen days Mrs. Newberger finished 2,000 pairs of sock legs out of 10,000. Erie women then speeded up and reached the quota of 10,000. Mrs. A. H. Neiner was in charge of the knitting department, while Mrs. A. J. Mann, Mrs. L. C. Chatham, Mrs. R. L. Brotherton, and Miss Zoe Farrar inspected and repaired knitted goods. Articles were then shipped by Mrs. Will Forster and Miss Valentine Schultz.

Classes in home nursing and surgical work were held at the hospitals where a great number of women and girls offered their services and took the course. Half of the graduate nurses of the city responded to the call of their country and enlisted.

A better baby contest was held and the Italians held a tag day which was a great success. \$10,000 was raised in this twenty-four hour drive, which was used for Italian relief.

In November, 1919, a third Red Cross drive was held, with James Dickey in charge and Mrs. F. H. Flowers in the office at headquarters, again. The women's committee was headed by Mrs. Frederick Downing, and had their headquarters at the Erie Hotel.

Downing was captain and director of several teams and put over numerous campaigns; the cash register drive which brought in a large sum of money, then pounds upon pounds of candy and other delicacies were made and sold on

WORLD WAR I

THE RED CROSS



**MOTHER AND
DAUGHTER,
CHARLOTTE AND
ELIZABETH BATTLES
OF GIRARD**



SOURCE: <https://journals.openedition.org/rhei/3474?lang=es>

THE CAMPFIRE GIRLS MARCHED IN THE LIBERTY LOAN PARADE IN ERIE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1918.



FARMERETTES



SOURCE: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/before-rosie-the-riveter-farmerettes-went-to-work-141638628/>

A BASE HOSPITAL SIMILAR TO THE ONE WHERE MARGARET CAFLISCH SERVED.



SOURCE:
<https://history.nebraska.gov/blog/nebraskas-wwi-hospital-france>

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ERIE DAILY TIMES APRIL 16, 1925

THE ERIE DAILY TIMES BLAMES WAR ON WOMEN

Rear Admiral Fiske, Retired
Fighter, Tells of Feminine
Dependence on Manly Vigor

New York World Special

New York, April 15.—Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, retired, advocate of big armies and navies and frequently denouncer of women pacifists when addressing men Wednesday night told women themselves that "requirements" of their sex seemed to be the bottom causes of war, and that women seeking to outlaw war "impaired national security."

The speech, perhaps his most exclusive discussion of war and women, was made at the Hotel Roosevelt, Brooklyn, before the Brooklyn chapter of the National Society of New England Women, one of the oldest societies in the metropolitan area and formed to preserve and inculcate the traditions of New England.

The tone of Rear Admiral Fiske's speech was that since with a few minor exceptions "men" had brought into being "virtually all the elements which constitute civilization," women should leave it to men to preserve that civilization.

Other remarks were to the effect that armies and navies must be maintained because they never cause war and because "there would be war without them." That he world dwells in the shadow of war and will stay there until it is made of living is "lowered" to a simple state; that it may be that the Almighty produces a succession of peace times and war times purposely, war as well as peace activities "brought forth civilization," that belief that because fighting can be prevented in the streets it can be prevented among nations "will not stand analysis."

Men "with healthy nerves" are the nation's security, he said. While not mentioning them in his talk, he said prior to it that the women's groups he referred to were such as the Women's Peace Union, which has lobbied for legislation outlawing war.

Admiral Fiske prefaced his remarks with an analysis of masculinity and femininity, in which he said men generally were characterized by strength and women by grace. Women, he said, cannot stand the rough usage men stand, though this "does not mean women

ization and obedience to the voice of Jesus Christ that this ancient duty no longer exists; and that, because physical fighting is precluded in the streets of a city, physical fighting can be prevented among nations.

"This doctrine will not stand analysis, because at the very first scrutiny one can see that the reason why physical fighting can be prevented in the streets of a city is that there are policemen to prevent it, as well as a course to assure every man his rights. No such machinery exists among nations. No such machinery has been invented. It may be some day, but until the heaven-born genius capable of making that invention has appeared, and until he has developed his invention and put it into practical operation, it would be unconfident to risk our national safety by lapsing into unpreparedness."

Referring to women's pacifist groups, he continued:

"Their avowed object is to promote the cause of peace. This object, of course, is laudable, but the means by which they are endeavoring to promote peace are far from practical, because they start under the false premise that preparing for war tends to cause war. Their main effect is to obstruct all efforts toward preparedness. Therefore, their main effect is to imperil the national security."

Need Preparedness.
After saying that men "with healthy nerves" realized the need for preparedness for war, he switched back to the women:

"Women pacifists assert that preparedness tends to cause war, but the evidence is against them. In the first place, history clearly shows that the main cause of war among nations has been a desire by one side or the other to get something the other had, and a desire by the other side to prevent it. To accomplish these ends, they organized armies, and later navies."

"Please realize that armies and navies were mere instruments, used by the nations to accomplish the purposes in view. Please realize also that armies and navies never caused war. Wars have been caused by the nations themselves. Armies and navies do what the nations tell

them; they are their servants. If there were no armies and navies there nevertheless would be war; that is, if there were any nations. Our "high costing" standard of living, which is "as much of the benefit of women as men," would have to be lowered to the simple state of no financial fights and elimination of commercial competition with other nations to get us to a point where universal peace could be sought, he said, adding:

"This brings up the thought that perhaps the succession of times of peace and times of war is part of a plan of the Almighty for developing the human race; for we know that it has been the activities of war as well as of peace that have brought forth civilization." Progress in such sciences as engineering, surgery and organizations developed through exigencies of war, he added.

Declaring that our "fairly stable civilization" has been "established by the men," the admiral said it was men who, barring a few "very minor exceptions, carved statues, reared temples, painted pictures, established religions, composed music, made the inventions, founded governments, fought the wars, wrote the poems, sailed the ships, cleared the forests, explored dark continents, established the commerce, created the sciences and brought into being virtually all the elements which constitute civilization."

"It has been the men," he went on, "who created conditions of comfort and security which the women now enjoy. This men did for love of women. The women supplied the inspiration."

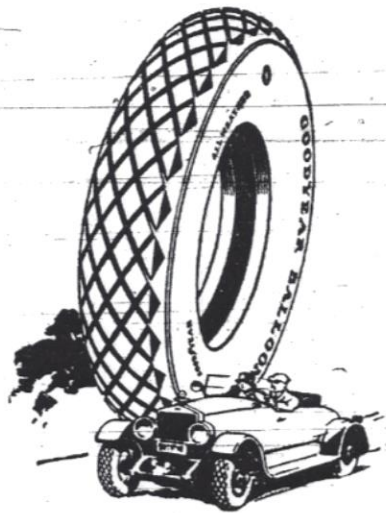
"Furthermore, inasmuch as it was to meet the requirements of women that men brought into being those conditions of comfort and security, and inasmuch as it has been mainly their struggle to produce and maintain those conditions that

have been the bottom causes of war, we seem forced to the conclusion that it has been mainly the requirements of women that have been the bottom causes of war."

"If in the interest of women themselves, I implore you not to join with the women pacifists who are obstructing the men in their endeavors to maintain those conditions of comfort and security, but to do rather as the New England women who were your ancestors always did. Make the men remain

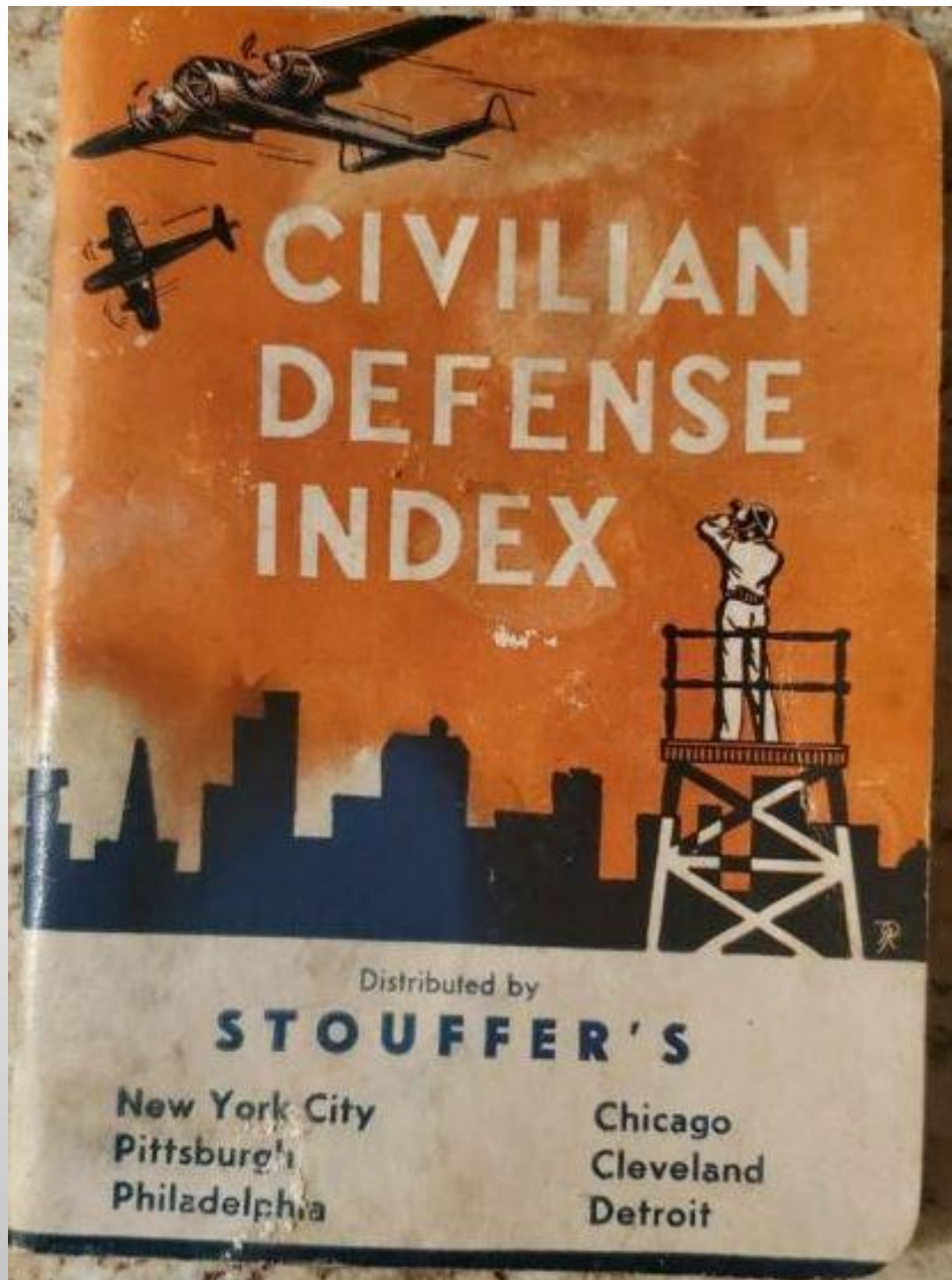
manly. Tell them to keep absolutely healthy in both mind and body and always be ready to fight to protect you, whenever necessary as men have always fought to protect women since the foundation of the world."

Mrs. Henry R. Arnold of London has arrived in America as a delegate from the National Housing and Town Planning Council of England to the International City and Regional Planning Conference to be held in New York.



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ESTHER HETZ, VOLUNTEER PLANE SPOTTER

WORLD WAR II

THE RED CROSS
OFFERED MANY
WAYS A WOMAN
COULD HELP IN THE
WAR EFFORT.

SOURCE: <https://europehist.hypotheses.org/files/2017/06/2017-06-29.-07-01.-Programmflyer-Gender-and-Humanitarianism.pdf>





ONE OF THE
MANY STYLES
OF PINS
AWARDED TO
BLOOD
DONORS

ERIE, PA., SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1943



Mrs. Joseph Schmid and Mrs. George Metcalf

More than 45 young women have been trained for the motor corps, Erie chapter, American Red Cross, to be on call for any emergency or disaster which may occur. Other services which the group renders are: Having charge of the first aid hut on the peninsula; to man the ambulance to and from the hut, never less than two members daily; to call at the blood bank in Hamot Hospital; to call at the Red Cross home service department daily to pick up and deliver sewing, surgical dressings, and knitting.

The training course for the motor corps includes 30 hours of first aid study; at least 20 hours of motor mechanics, a map reading course; a gas defense course; a course in foot drill. The corps has marched in a body in parades.

Before a member is entitled to wear the motor corps uniform she must complete 20 hours of actual service work. Having completed her training course a member receives an identification card from the Washington office. The amount of required work is determined by each local board.

Once a month the entire group meets for a refresher first aid course, to renew the members' knowledge of first aid and to learn whatever new ideas have been circulated.



Mrs. Gertrude Flynn Doyle and Mrs. John Douglas

Maybel Hayes



Mrs. Douglas Young and Miss Buncie Kite

ROSIE THE RIVETERS



SOURCE: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/84231455511348169/>

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:%22WOMEN IN WAR I INDUSTRY%22 - NARA - 513681.tif>





SKIRTED MILITARY

- WOMEN VOLUNTEERED FOR THE WACS (ARMY), WAACS ARMY AIR FORCE), WAVES (NAVY) AND WOMEN'S RESERVE (MARINE CORPS).

SOURCE: <https://akurtzbrand.tumblr.com/post/126508315306/bill-kelso-mfg-womens-army-corp-1941-poster>

WOMAN'S PLACE IN WAR
The Army of the United States
has 239 kinds of jobs for women
THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORP

WOMEN JOINED
SEVERAL BRANCHES
OF SERVICE.
MARGARET JONES
WAS A WAVE
(WOMEN ACCEPTED
FOR VOLUNTARY
SERVICES),
ORGANIZED IN 1943.

Margaret Ann "Maggie" Jones

Margaret Ann "Maggie" Jones, age 85 passed away March 26, 2010 at the Erie Veteran's Affairs Medical Center surrounded by her family and friends.



She was born in Erie, December 2, 1924, the daughter of the late Edwin and Marie Davis Jones.



Maggie was a graduate of St Ann's grade school and East High School. After graduation, she worked at Bliley Electric for two years before enlisting in the Navy on December 18, 1944, thus beginning a wonderful 30 year career.

Maggie was stationed at, NAS Norman, Okla.; NAS Glenview, Ill.; NAS Jacksonville, Fla.; NATS THREE; NAS Patuxent River, Md.; NAS Moffet Field, Calif.; NAVSTA Norfolk, Va.; ONI, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; NAVSTA San Diego, Calif.; NTC, Great Lakes, Ill.; HQ COMTWELVE, T.I. San Francisco; Fleet Composite Sqd. ONE, Barber's Point, Hawaii.



Her most interesting tour was when she served with NATS THREE. She was a Flight Orderly and traveled to Newfoundland, Azores, North Africa, England, France, Germany, Bermuda, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Iwo Jima and Japan.

During the Korean War she assisted on three medical evacuation flights to Japan that transported casualties, mainly frost-bitten personnel that were trapped at the Chosen Reservoir. The tour that she considered the most challenging and rewarding was that of Company Commander of Recruits at the RTC in Bainbridge, Md.

Maggie was a natural athlete and competed in all sports. She also represented the Navy on the All-Navy women's basketball & softball teams.

Maggie retired from the Navy at Moffet Field NAS in Mountain View, Calif., as a Chief Petty Officer on April 30, 1975.

THESE NEWLY COMMISSIONED ERIE ENSIGNS ARE SOON OFF TO THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENTS.

Recently Commissioned Erie Wave Ensigns Visit Homes Here



Five little ensigns all in a row! The five Erie girls above were all commissioned ensigns in the United States Naval Reserve, Women's Reserve (WAVES to you) last Tuesday at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., and are home for a few days before reporting to their various stations. They're shown above as they gathered perhaps for the last time for the duration to talk over the happenings of the past couple of months. From left to right we have Virginia Showalter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Showalter, 828 Powell Ave., who was employed at the General Electric Co. in civilian life. She will report to Quincy, Mass. Miriam Eleanor Meckley, next, former

employee of the Odin Stove Manufacturing Co., will report to the great naval center, Norfolk, Va. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Meckley, 729 Oregon Ave. Betty Mensinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mensinger, 2670 Peach St., center, in her summer whites, is a former teacher from East High School. She will report to Mechanicsburg, Pa. Helen Stone, next in line, will go to New Orleans. She is the daughter of Mrs. F. C. Stone, 1142 W. 9th St., and was in the department of public assistance. Rose Marie Kuntz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kuntz, 601 1/2 E. 25th St., was graduated from Villa Maria College last June. She will be stationed in Washington, D. C.

Dispatch-Herald Photo.



WOMEN AIR SERVICE PILOTS

- U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO

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**BARBARA
HAWLEY**



MARY KAEHLER
RAUB -
“WHEN AMELIA
EARHART WENT
DOWN, I WENT UP.”



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GRADUATED FROM HAMOT IN OCTOBER 1946



DESSIE FORD
ENLISTED IN THE
NURSES' CORPS IN
1942 AND SERVED
OVERSEAS.

**'When I heard that Pearl Harbor was bombed,
I was carrying a bedpan and I dropped it.'**



JACK HANRAHAN/Erie Times-News

Dessie Ford, 90, salutes during the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" at a ceremony at VFW Post No. 470 in Erie on Wednesday. Ford was presented with three medals from Judge Michael Dunlavy for her service in World War II.

MASS PLANNED FOR ERIE NURSE

Mass to the memory of Second Lieutenant Clare Riley, thirty, Erie's first casualty in the women's division in World War II, will be held at 8 a. m. Tuesday in St. Joseph's church.

Relatives of the young lieutenant were informed Saturday that she had been killed July 1. The telegram which was sent from the war department in Washington, D. C., did not give details of her death. She was last known to be in North Africa.

Lieut. Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Riley, Oceola Mills, Pa., enlisted in September, 1941, and was stationed from October, 1941, until June, 1942, at Lawson General hospital, Atlanta, Ga., and at Camp Lee, Va., where she served from June, 1942, until March, 1943, when she was sent to North Africa.

She is survived by her parents; four sisters, Mrs. Francis V. Kloecker and Miss Catherine Riley, of Erie; Mrs. F. J. Beezer, Philipsburg, Pa., and Betty Riley, Oceola Mills, Pa., and a brother, Lieut. James R. Riley, who is with the chemical warfare division in San Francisco, Calif.

- WAR BRIDES IN ERIE COUNTY

- FEMALE WWII VETERANS ARE DYING AT A FAST RATE

Sybil M. "Nansi" Janes

Sybil M. "Nansi" Janes, Welsh woman, war bride, farmer, computer programmer, executive secretary, builder, painter, traveler, cross country skiing entrepreneur, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother



was born Sybil Megan Morley in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales, Great Britain on October 14th, 1922. On January 8th, 2020, at age 97, she passed.

She married Sargent James H. Janes, U.S. Army, in Taff's Well, Wales, near Cardiff. Following the war, Jim, at the end of his military service, came back from Japan and she sailed to the United States to join him. They settled near Jim's family home, Wattsburg, Pa.

Irene Ostrowski Gorski

Irene Ostrowski Gorski, 97, of Greene Township, passed away peacefully, on Saturday January 4, 2020, at UPMC Hamot. She was born in Erie, on May 25, 1922, a daughter of the late



Anthony and Rose Kaliszewski Ostrowski.



Irene served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II and worked at GE for 17 years before retiring in 1984. She was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church and the Siebenbuerger Club. She enjoyed wintering in Florida for over 20 years, puzzles, pinochle, and reading.



BOBBI JEAN HOVIS
NAVY NURSE CORPS

KOREAN WAR



VIETNAM

ABOUT 11,000
WOMEN WERE
STATIONED IN
VIETNAM.

A HUGE MAJORITY
(ABOUT 90%) WERE
NURSES.

SOURCE:

<https://womensyoushouldknow.net/vietnam-womens-memorial-honoring-265000-forgotten-women-served/>

OVIS

LCDR Bobbi Hovis, NC, USN (Ret.)

STATION HOSPITAL SAIGON



STATION HOSPITAL SAIGON

*A Navy Nurse
in Vietnam,
1963-1964*

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THE BENEDICTINES HAVE LED MANY PEACE MOVEMENTS.

RECENT PEACE DEMONSTRATION
AT PERRY SQUARE IN ERIE, PA.



IT WAS ONCE SAID OF
WOMEN: "THEY ALSO SERVE
WHO ONLY STAND AND
WAIT."

OF ERIE COUNTY WOMEN IT
CAN BE SAID, "THEY ALSO
SERVE."

