

June 12 is Women Veterans Recognition Day

America continues striving to live up to her promise by breaking down long-standing barriers to inclusion. June 12 marks the anniversary of the **Women's Armed Services Integration Act**, signed into law on June 12, 1948. This landmark legislation granted women the right to serve as **permanent, regular members** of the U.S. Armed Forces not only in times of war, but as a recognized career path.

While women have served in **every conflict since the Revolutionary War**, they did so for generations without formal recognition, equal status, or compensation. The Women's Armed Services Integration Act changed the trajectory of military service by acknowledging women's contributions and opening the door for full participation in defending our nation.

We honor the courage, leadership, and sacrifice of the women who have served and continue to serve in every branch of the U.S. military.

In 2023, Michigan strengthened this commitment to recognition when the state enacted **House Bill 4555**, establishing **June 12 as Women Veterans Recognition Day**. This observance ensures that the stories, achievements, and service of women veterans are lifted up and remembered.

I am proud to honor and celebrate the women who have given their gifts, talents, and lives in defense of democracy. **We celebrate June 12th to recognize these trailblazers and to affirm our ongoing commitment to equity and representation.**

The League is an organization that respects and values the richness of our community and our members. The collective sum of our individual differences, backgrounds, and life experiences strengthens our culture, shapes our reputation, and advances our mission. Together, we embody the belief that a healthy democracy is one where **everyone** is seen, valued, and represented.

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