



March has been Women's History Month since 1987. Since then, the President has issued a proclamation each year declaring March Women's History Month to "celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields." From WomensHistoryMonth.gov.

Take this month to learn more about some notable women of history. Choose at least one woman from each category at right to learn more about to earn your "Women Make History" patch.

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Women Who Were First

Victoria Woodhull	Made history as a runner but not an athlete
Gertrude Ederle	Set a world record while covered head to toe in grease
Rita Moreno	The Latina GOAT with an EGOT
Katherine Switzer	Ran a marathon and changed women's sports forever
Cammi Granato	Skated her way into history and a hall of fame
Lisa Leslie	Proved women can dunk too

Women Who Spoke Up

Shirley Chisholm	"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."
Winnie Madikizela-Mandela	"If you are to free yourselves you must break the chains of oppression yourselves."
Angelia Jolie	"If we have our freedom, we must fight for others who don't."
Precious Lee	"People are not used to seeing confident, educated...chunky African Am. girls. I don't care."
Alice Walker	"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."
Alexandria Ocasio Cortez	"They'll tell you you're too loud, that you need to wait your turn... Do it anyway."

Women Who Made Stuff

Maria E. Beasley	Saving lives one boat at a time
Josephine G. Cochran	No more dishpan hands
Bessie Blount	Food as modern medicine
Marie Van Brittan Brown	Keeping the family safe
Patricia E. Bath	Helping to provide sight for the blind
Ann Tsukamoto	Finding the building blocks of humans

Women Who Fought Hard

Private Cathay Williams	Had to go by "William Cathay" in order to serve during the Civil War.
Colonel Ruby Bradley	Received 34 medals and awards, including the Bronze Star, during WWII.
Lieutenant Colonel Marcella Hayes Ng	First Black female pilot in the entire US military.
Admiral Michelle Howard	First female 4-star admiral and first Black woman to command a Navy ship.
General Lori Robinson	First woman to lead a major Unified Combatant Command and NORAD.
Major Christy Wise	Lost her leg in an accident but went back to flying anyway.

Who are some women in your life who have made a difference? How can you celebrate them?