

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In March, we learn, honor, and celebrate all the accomplishments women have contributed throughout history and today. Originally, it started as Women's History Week by President Carter in 1980. It slowly became more celebrated throughout the nation. Each year, the date for Women's History Week was changed, and each year thousands of individuals as well as women's organizations lobbied to declare the entire month of March to be Women's History Month. All the work paid off, in 1987 Congress declared the entire month of March to be celebrated as National Women's History Month.

WOMEN MAKE UP

34%

OF THE WORKFORCE
IN STEM FIELDS

Nichelle Nichols

A STAR AMONG THE STARS



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If you're a Star Trek fan, you may recognize Nichelle Nichols. Nichelle is famously known for playing Lieutenant Uhura on Star Trek, but what you may not know is she made history by being the first African-American woman to play a lead role on TV. Nichelle has made significant contributions to space exploration both on screen during Star Trek and also off the screen. Nichelle worked with NASA to advocate for representation and equality, she wanted to inspire women and minority groups to pursue careers in STEM related fields. Nichelle continues to motivate everyone to reach for the stars. This includes Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African American woman astronaut, who accredits Nichelle Nichols in helping to inspire her to one day travel to space.

SCIENCE IS NOT A BOY'S GAME, IT'S NOT A GIRL'S
GAME. IT'S EVERYONE'S GAME.

-NICHELLE NICHOLS

"LT. UHURA" ON STAR TREK AND NASA AMBASSADOR



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DID YOU KNOW...

MARCH 21ST IS ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY

Rosie the Riveter symbolizes the empowerment and resilience of women during World War II. Originating from the iconic "We Can Do It!" poster by J. Howard Miller, Rosie represented the millions of women who entered the workforce to support the war effort while men were fighting abroad. She became a cultural icon, representing the strength, determination, and capability of women in traditionally male-dominated roles, particularly in manufacturing and industrial sectors. Rosie's image has endured beyond the war, continuing to inspire movements for gender equality and women's empowerment. She stands as a reminder of the vital contributions women have made throughout history and the ongoing struggle for equal rights and opportunities.

WHO ARE
THE ROSIES?

Lt. Susan Ahn Cuddy

Susan Ahn Cuddy was a prominent figure in both military and Korean American history. Despite the hardships and discrimination she faced not only as a woman but as an Asian American living in the United States after the attack on Pearl Harbor, she persevered and became the first Asian American woman to join the U.S. Navy. When Susan first applied to join the Women's Reserve of the U.S. Naval Reserve or WAVES, she was rejected. Not giving up, Susan reapplied and was accepted. Her hard work throughout her time in WAVES was seen and an officer recommended her for officer training where she was able to eventually move up to becoming a lieutenant working in the Naval Intelligence Office. Susan was an advocate for Korean American rights and cultural understanding.



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