

# WACs

The Women's Army Corps (WAC) was the women's branch of the US Army. It was created as an auxiliary unit, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on 15 May 1942, and converted to full status as the WAC in 1943. Nearly 40,000 American women served in the WAAC / WAC as Army Air Force personnel, more than 1,000 as Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs), and 6,500 as nurses in the Army Air Forces, including 500 flight nurses. In April 1945 there were 7,601 USAAF WACs serving overseas, and women performed in more than 200 job categories.



*This image from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division Archive shows members of the American Women's Army Corps at work on a US base in Norfolk (MC 371/815), Norfolk Record Office.*