

Women's Army Corps in Alabama



Women's Army Corps (WAC) began in 1942 as an auxiliary (supplementary) unit and received full military status in 1943. Members of WAC were the first women other than military nurses to serve in the ranks of the United States Army.

Women were needed to perform jobs previously held by men. This allowed men to leave their jobs and travel overseas to fight in battle. WAC service members worked in noncombat jobs, such as file clerks, finance assistants, mechanics, and technicians. Fort McClellan in Anniston was an important WAC training and employment center. The Women's Army Corps served during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. It was discontinued in 1978 and its members were included directly in the United States Army.

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"Lt. Colonel

Alex Asseff, District Recruiting Officer and Captain Cora Walker met with Governor Chauncey Sparks to discuss with pride Alabama's part in the National WAC General Hospital recruiting campaign. Alabama completed her three months' quota March 7th, in a little over a month's time. Major General Uhl of the Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga. wired congratulations."



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Women's Army Corps - Recruitment Poster

The year is 1943 and the United States is fighting in World War II.

Alabama Governor Chauncey Sparks has just issued an announcement calling the patriotic women of Alabama to enlist in the Women's Army Corps. You have been assigned to the Governor's committee for recruiting women into the Women's Army Corps (WAC).



Create a recruitment poster that makes Alabama women want to sign up for WAC.

Pick one of the titles below and write it at the top of the rectangle.

Then draw a picture and add additional slogans (sayings).

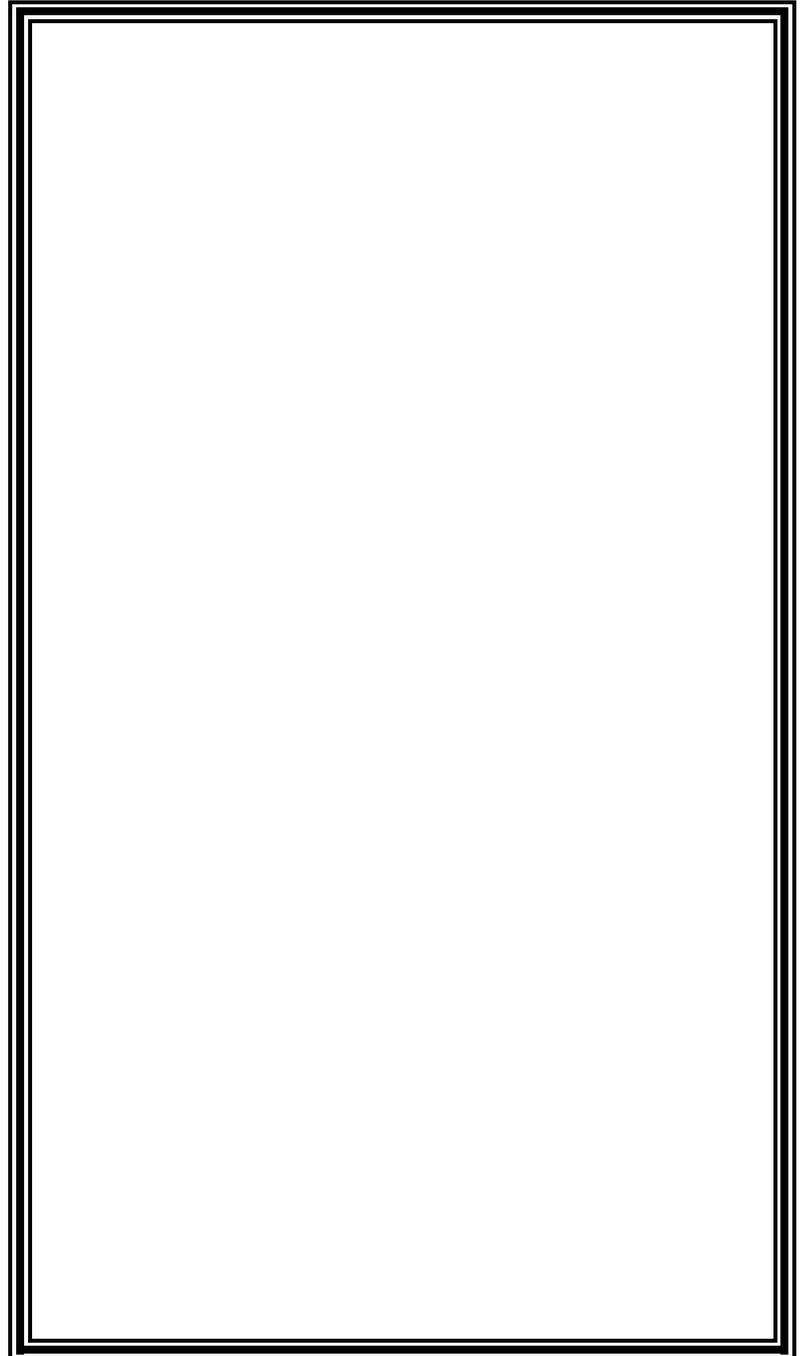
You are Needed Now!

*This is Your War Too! Join
the WAC*

*Are you a Girl with a Star
Spangled Heart?*

Bring Him Home Sooner

*Do Your Part, Join the
WAC*



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