

THE WOMENS AUXILIARY FERRYING SQUADRON (WAFS)

Over 25,000 women applied for the honor of flying for their country during WWII. Of these, 1,830 were chosen to receive training, and 1,074 graduated. These are the women accepted into the program but who did not reach graduation for differing reasons. There were 756. Seven of these women are not originally listed as their names could be found in the historical records. However, four of these seven have been found. Also, two others, for 44-1 and 44-3, have been identified. This brings the total trainees to 758.

About 30 percent did not pass the training requirements.

Another 8 percent resigned.

About 1.5 percent did not make it because of medical reasons.

About 0.8 percent were released for disciplinary reasons, and 11 were killed while training (KIS).

These counts do not include the 28 women of the Womens Auxillary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) that were organized by Nancy Love, the first woman to fly a P-51 on February 27, 1943. The WAFS program was officially announced on September 10, 1942. The first 11 WAFS were sworn in on September 21, 1943. (This was also the day the B-29 made its first sucessfull flight.) By the middle of December, they were all on station. The WAFS are often referred to as The Originals. There was only one WAFS recruit that did not pass the inital flight test, Catherine Slocum.

In the meantime, Jacqueline Cochran, who was the first woman to fly a bomber across the Atlantic on June 17, 1941, got approval to start another training program on September 15, 1942, the Womens Flight Training Detachment (WFTD). The first class was started on November 15, 1942, and the last class graduated on December 7, 1944.

From the graduation of the first class of WFTDs in April of 1943 to the closing of the program, the WAFS and WFTDs worked together. On June 28, 1943, this group of women pilots were officially renamed as the [WASP](#).

They are listed by class and then alphabetically by their maiden names. Their married name is shown in parenthesis, ().

WASP CLASS 44-4 Trainees.

Appel, Dorothy J.	Barclay, Wendy - missing from rosters	Burns, Evelyn H.
Caldwell, Ethel B.	Chappell, Oriana M. (McKenna)	Connelly, Anna L.
Cripps, Helen M.	Dallgaard, Margaret L (Murphey)	DeGlandon, Elizabeth

Dingley, Lucille M.	Dinwiddie, Dorothy	Earnest, Dorothy E.
Eve. Agnes K. (Kriner)	Fagan, Constance (Allen-Russe)	Geste, Dawn W.
Gidlund, Elsbeth R.	Halback, Marthe	Hallstrand, Ruth E.
Heaton, Ramona (Martin)	Homeyer, Hertha (Bisher)	Howson, Mary H. (KIS)
Hubbell, Doris E.	Jones, Lillian E.	Lee, Barbara L. (Mohrman)
Lowry, Mary J.	McGilvray, Kathryn M.	Olson, Lillian M.
Opavsky, Frances V.	Peck, Helen R.	Parkoske, Alma J. (Babcock) I
Pitts, Glenna S.	Plew, Minnie I.	Prechtel, Mary M.
Price, Mary Ruth	Prince, Florence (Alvey)	Ross, Rosetta G.
Runyon, Patrice A.	Saari, Minnie	Scarnecchia, Mary J.F.
Schmitt, Patricia S.	Sheintop, Bertha I.	Taylor, Jean
Tesch, Virginia Joan (Swartz)	Trucks, Norma P. (Russell)	Ward, Nella Mae
Weatherby, Marvine	Weeks, Hazel A.	Wildman, Winifred J.
Yoe, Edith Marion (Kenndy)	Yoklavich, Mary K.	