

Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WAVES> -- full members of US Military Services ...

WAAC was an "auxiliary" organization, serving with the Army, not in it. WAAC became the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in July, 1943, giving its members military status similar to that of the WAVES. On the other hand, WAVES was a division of the US navy that consisted only of women. It began in August 1942, when Mildred H. Fover was sworn in as a Naval Reserve Officer. From the very beginning, the WAVES were an official part of the Navy, and its members held the same rank and ratings as male personnel. They also received the same pay and were subject to military discipline.

However, they could not serve aboard combat ships or aircraft, and initially were restricted to duty in the continental United States. Later in World War II, WAVES were authorized to serve in certain overseas U.S. possessions, and a number were sent to Hawaii. The war ended before any could be sent to other locations.

Jan Wallace served as WAVE Link Trainer: Celestial/Radio Navigation Instructor and was in service from 1942 till 1945. She was stationed in Pensacola FL, and Honolulu HA each for over a year of her enlistment. She achieved the rank of Sp(ecialist) 1st Class (similar to petit officer 1st class - non command technical instructor). She taught multiple classes of navy and marine pilots how to fly blind (by radio navigation) and to use stars to gain bearings.

Medals awarded to all theater military personnel that apply to her:

WWII Victory Medal,

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II_Victory_Medal_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II_Victory_Medal_(United_States))

Asiatic - Pacific Theater Campaign Medal,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asiatic-Pacific_Campaign_Medal

American Theater Campaign Medal

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Campaign_Medal