



**Major
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**99th Readiness Division
G-1 Plans and
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MAJ Hale is a native of Columbus, Ohio and enlisted in the Army in September of 2001 as a Personnel Service Specialist. She received a directed commission in July of 2007 as a Second Lieutenant and graduated Basic Officer Leader Course as a Human resources Officer.

MAJ Hale military education includes Warrior Leadership Course, Adjutant General Basic Officer Leader Course, and the Adjutant General Captain's Career Course. Her civilian education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts at Excelsior College.

MAJ Hale's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal. MAJ Hale resides in Mount Holly, New Jersey with her husband Brian and her two children Brielle and Bryce.



SGT. Hilda P. Griggs

WWII 6888th

The WWII 6888th was the first and only all-Black Female unit to be deployed overseas. The unit was active from 1945-1946 and consisted of 855 women under then Command of Major Charity Adams. Their nickname was "six-Triple Eight and their motto was "No Mail, Low Morale." Their initial training was at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Their mission was to sort and distribute major backlogs of mail located in Birmingham, England, Rouen, France and Paris, France. The unit left Fort Shank, NY on 04 Feb 1945 and arrived in England on Valentine's' Day, 14 February 1945 and was confronted with over a two-year backlog of mail in very large warehouses filled with mail bags from floor to ceiling. The buildings had poor lighting, were cold, damp, and rat-infested with broken windows. The army gave the unit six months to clear the backlog. Working 24-hours a day in three eight-hour shifts, they cleared the backlog of nearly 18 million pieces of mail in just three months. The women sorted, repackaged and distributed 65,000 letters each eight-hour shift, 195,000 per day, 5.85 million monthly and nearly 18 million in 90 days. Furthermore, some of the letters were addressed just to Junior, Bubb, US Army, and 7,500 were addressed to Robert Smith.

She currently lives in Gloucester Twp. She enlisted in the Women's Army Corps (WACs) on the 8th of Dec 1943 from Philadelphia, PA. Although a resident of New Jersey, she enlisted in Philadelphia because she did not want her mother to know. She was trained as a postal clerk at Fort Des Moines, Iowa and served overseas in CO "B" with the 6888th Postal Battalion. After serving in England and France, she was honorably discharged from Fort Dix in NJ, March 24, 1946. She retired from Civil Service, Marine Corps Supply, and April 9, 1976.