



Lecture 1

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The Lady with the Lamp

When one thinks of a nurse, images of Florence Nightingale who was walking in dark halls of a military hospital with oil lamp comes to mind. While Ms. Nightingale's philosophy on health and high standards for the nurses in her charge changed the nursing and healthcare overall, nurses have been aiding services since the Revolutionary War. In 1775, Congress approved General George Washington's request to add one nurse for every 10 patients in military hospitals.

Soon after the Spanish-American war in 1898, the U.S. military officially added nurses to army. Seeing the value these women brought to the well-being and health for army, in 1899 the Surgeon General established criteria for adding group of nurses in preparation for the next expected war.

World War I

By the time the U.S. entered world war in 1917, nearly 600 nurses were active duty between the two divisions. By the end of the war, more than 22,000 nurses had served, including several hundred who had paid the price of their lives.

Many nurses have served such as (Miss Jane I. Rignel, Miss Linnie Leckrone, and Miss Irene Robar,) who received the Silver Star Medal).

World War II

World War II saw nearly 74,000 women serving as nurses across all areas of military campaigns, with the American Red Cross (founded by the nurse [Clara Barton](#) in Civil War)

Changes to Rank

Nurses did not obtain any officer title until 1947 but they take orders from physician officers after that time establish program for prepare nurses and entered the different army position so the chief nurses who they were responsible for organizing and ordering nurses to their work or activities , they should pass examination so the number of nurses was increased until 20 nurses living in the army buildings with soldiers so that the ranking of nurses were changed .

Air Force Nurse Corps فيلق

In the summer of 1949, the [Air Force Nurse Corps](#) established from the Army Nurse Corps as a response to the aeromedical evacuations (aerobar) of injured soldiers . Nurses had been in service as [flight nurses](#) under the Army Nurse Corps since 1943, so when an official and independent Air Force Medical Service was established, the Air Force Nurse Corps was already an integral part of the army.

Vietnam war

The 1950s saw many changes to nurses in the military, as men were commissioned into the Nurse Corps and women nurses were permitted to join the National Guard and the Air National Guard. Nurses participated in the Vietnam campaign and as the war progressed, the need for trauma and critical care nurses grew to new heights. The Nurse Corps came away from the Vietnam campaign with a renewed spirit to promote and expand the profession of nursing. Numerous educational programs were developed for advanced practice registered nursing. By 1976, in help with the American Nurses Association, the program prepared to gain baccalaureate degree for nurses.

Modern Military Nursing

After the September 11, 2001 attack on the U.S. Nurses were again called to establish committee association and care for the men and women who surviving from shock of September 2001. This war brought increased numbers of armed forces members and nurses who are responsible availability to access to psychological care. From the War of 1812 to modern day campaigns, the stories of military nurses' achievements, improvements continue to development nurses Ranking until nowadays so there are large numbers of nurses in different sectors of Army in U.S.A.

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