



**Plainfield American Legion
and American Gold Star Mothers
Celebrate Women Who Have Served**



National Commander of the American Legion Denise Rohan, the organization's first female commander in its century long history, will be visiting Plainfield American Legion Marne Post 13 on May 16, 2018 in order to reach out to female veterans in the Chicagoland Area.

To celebrate her historic commandership and visit to our community we would like to celebrate with an essay contest!

Essay Title:

She-roes

Concept: Write a 500 word essay about a famous female veteran from history or perhaps a female veteran you know and how their service in the Armed Forces played a meaningful role in our nation's great history .

Eligibility: All boys and girls ages 12-15.

Submittals: All essays must be received at the Plainfield American Legion Marne Post 13 on or before **April 1, 2018**. Email your essay to cdrroach@gmail.com **or** mail your essay to:

CDR Greg Roach
Plainfield American Legion
24741 W. Renwick Road
Plainfield, IL 60544

Contest Rules: All essays must include –

- Title page including:
 - Essay name (Use the title provided above and the name of your female veteran)
 - Applicant's name and full home address
 - Age of applicant
- Essay should be no more than 500 words in length
- Essays should be typed or written in ink.

Awards: The top 5 essays as selected by a committee comprised of members from the Plainfield American Legion, American Gold Star Mothers, and the Plainfield Public Library will be presented with a prize by the National Commander and the first place winner will read their essay at the Plainfield American Legion during the National Commander's visit on May 16, 2018.

Women who have distinguished themselves in the Armed Forces through the years, just to get you started....

Sara Emma Edmonds; GEN Anne Dunwoody; Cathay Williams; COL Eileen Collins; CDR Grace Hopper; Harriet Tubman; Elsie Ott; ADM Michelle Howard; Mary Edwards Walker