



MICHIGAN WOMEN'S HISTORICAL CENTER & HALL OF FAME

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- What:** Opening Reception for history exhibit
"NUWARINE: Women Proud to Serve"
On Display March 19, 2015 – February 27, 2016
- When:** Thursday, March 19, 2015, 5-7 p.m.
- Where:** Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame
213 W. Malcolm X Street, Lansing, MI 48933
- Cost:** Free admission, free parking (City lot shared with the Cooley Gardens)

Opening Reception for *NUWARINE: Women Proud to Serve*

Lansing, MI –The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame (MWHOF) is pleased to announce the opening of a new history exhibit focused on women in the military. The opening reception for *NUWARINE: Women Proud to Serve* will be held on Thursday, March 19, 5-7 p.m. at the museum located at 213 W. Malcolm X Street in downtown Lansing. Members of American Legion NUWARINE Post 535 will be at the opening reception and a brief program will be held at 6 pm, including a presentation from Susy Avery, Executive Director of the Michigan Women's Commission; Diane Aamoth, Commander of American Legion NUWARINE Post 535; Jim Wallace, State Commander for The American Legion Department of Michigan; and Jason Allen, Senior Legislative and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The opening reception, sponsored by the Michigan Women's Commission, is free and open to the public.

NUWARINE: Women Proud to Serve focuses on the experiences of American Legion NUWARINE Post 535 members. The exhibit examines the roles women have held in the military during different periods of engagement spanning from WWII to today and features personal stories of Post members' military experience. Post 535 is the last remaining all-female American Legion Post in Michigan and was founded by female WWI and WWII veterans. The NUWARINE Post is named after the organizational branches of the charter members: (Army/Navy) Nurses, WAVES, WACs, WAFs, SPARs, and Marines (USMCWR). The exhibit will be on display at the MWHOF from March 19, 2015 through February 27, 2016.

This exhibit is made possible in part by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The mission of the Michigan Women's Historical Center is to inspire and engage adults and children by celebrating Michigan women's history, promoting educational opportunities, and honoring the accomplishments of Michigan women. The Michigan Women's Historical Center, located at 213 W. Malcolm X Street in downtown Lansing, is home to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame featuring over 285 honorees past and present, changing history exhibits, the Belen Art Gallery featuring Michigan women artists, and a fair trade gift shop. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. and the 1st Sunday of every month, 2-4 p.m. Closed all major holidays and holiday weekends. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students (6-18) and free for children 5 and under. The

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