



## **The ETHEL F. LORD Story: Why We Honor Her Memory**

**Ethel F. Lord** was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. During World War II she served in the American Red Cross in both the European and Pacific theaters and was the first woman to be appointed Field Director of Camp Services in the Pacific.

Fairleigh Dickenson University selected Ethel F. Lord as one of New Jersey's outstanding businesswomen of 1964. She was the Director of Home Services for New Jersey Central and New Jersey Power and Light companies.

As a Soroptimist, she served as President of the Asbury Park Club, Secretary and Governor of the North Atlantic Region, President of Soroptimist International of the Americas, and President of Soroptimist International.

The Philadelphia Soroptimist Club's World War II project of helping to rehabilitate handicapped patients in local government hospitals, combined with Ethel Lord's vast experience with the American Red Cross, gave birth to the concept of the North Atlantic Region Fellowship.

In 1946, the North Atlantic Region granted its initial Soroptimist Fellowship to the first woman on this continent to receive a Fellowship in plastic surgery. The award was presented to Dr. Alma Dea Morani of Philadelphia.

Upon Ethel Lord's death, contributions in her memory poured in from all over the world. At her niece's request, these monies were contributed to support the North Atlantic Region Fellowship. Because of these donations, the annual award by the North Atlantic Region was renamed the Ethel F. Lord Fellowship.

Since 1946, Fellowships have been given to women graduate students in the field of medicine, government foreign service, gerontology, and most recently, women veterans transitioning back into civilian life. The North Atlantic Region Board has recently updated this fellowship to help a Woman Veteran attain her career goals. *Between fiscal years (FYs) 2000 and 2023, the total percentage of women Veterans increased from 6.3% to **11.3%** or 2.1 million of the total Veteran population in the United States.* [www.data.va.gov/stories/s/Women-Veterans-in-2023/wci3-yrsv/](http://www.data.va.gov/stories/s/Women-Veterans-in-2023/wci3-yrsv/)

Each Fellowship touches and influences that scholar seeking additional training but does not end there. The cumulative effect of each Fellowship lives on and on, and that is our dividend.

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