

Title: Women in the Revolutionary War: At Home and On the Battlefield

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When we think of the American Revolution, images of stern-faced men come to mind. One is left with the question, where are the women? The image of women in the revolution are fixated on Abigail Adams and Betsy Ross, but who were the women that worked beyond the home? In a society with strict gender roles, women were expected to be soft-spoken, docile, without aspirations. However, they are resilient and use any tools available to them. There are three women who served the revolution in different ways that will be focused on. Deborah Sampson, a young woman who dressed as a man to fight on the battlefield. She used a different name and many near detections, until she was wounded in battle (Norwood). Secondly, a younger woman whose name is not well known, but she served a unique role, Sybil Ludington. She was a small-town girl who completed a 40-mile ride to warn others of the invading British forces (Hunt). Lastly, Margaret Corbin—or Molly Pitcher—a woman who followed her husband into battle and fearlessly took his place at his cannon once he fell in front of her (DAR). Women served in different capacities during the Revolutionary war. Some would take care of the home while their husbands were away fighting, while others would find ways to fight. Women have been etched into the history of the American Revolution whose names are not known. Women throughout history have always had a place in creating change through resiliency and action.

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