

# Luncheon topic: women on the battlefield

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An experienced leader and the first female U.S. Military Academy graduate to be promoted to General Officer, retired Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead drew many conclusions about military women and combat while commanding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps Support Command in the Iraq Theater.

Halstead will be the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks special guest speaker at the Women's Equality Day luncheon Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 11:45 a.m. at the Letort View Community Center. Halstead's comments are intended for men and women both who have a stake or interest in the dynamics of women in uniform today.

The Women's Equality Day event includes a no-fee luncheon menu of chicken Caesar salad, courtesy of the USAWC Foundation. Seating is limited. Early RSVPs are called for – no later than Thursday, Aug. 20. RSVP to [Rene.singley@us.army.mil](mailto:Rene.singley@us.army.mil).

Hosting Equal Opportunity representatives noted Halstead's reputation as a candid and dynamic speaker.

"This first, wonderful event for the year will be special – an opportunity to learn from General Halstead's experience and an opportunity for the civilian and military members of the community to mingle," said Donna Strickland, the post's new Equal Employment Opportunity officer.

Strickland has worked in equal opportunity offices since 1992 and brings to Carlisle Barracks a fresh perspective based on experiences at multiple bases: Navy, Air Force and Army. Noting the joint character of the Army War College she considers this posting a great environment.

"In a purple-suit world, a broad knowledge of the services will help me bring fresh perspectives," said Strickland, whose office is in Anne Ely Hall, 46 Ashburn Drive. The EEO officer's role is to oversee and monitor compliance with EEO policies, practices and procedures – and to administer a customer-focused program. Contact her at 245-3950.

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