Women Admitted into Military Academies (1975)

Background

1975. On October 7, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-106 (89 Stat. 531). The law allowed women to be admitted to the all-male military colleges.

1976. On July 7, 1976, 119 women became the first women to join the Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Sixty-two later graduated in 1980, becoming second lieutenants in the Army.

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