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# NAME: Sydney Cary 2 & Tobi Parrott 12 TOPIC: Military

**MY FIRST CHOICE IS** Loretta Walsh **SHE IS THE FIRST WOMAN** Yeoman in the Navy.

Loretta Perfectus Walsh   
 Born on April 22, 1896 in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania  
 Died on August 6, 1925 at age 25



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Loretta Walsh was 18 years old when she took the oath to join the navy on March 21, 1917 during WWI. Loretta saw how the war dragged on, and she felt that she could bring her skills into the navy. She was the first women to be sworn in as a petty officer, which is a non nurse position. She also became chief Yeoman in 1917. During the war she did not receive much help along the way. Being the first women she had very high standards to life up to and by being a woman she did not receive much respect. No special treatments were given to her. Loretta was treated that same as every man there. Though, she did lack relative [ranks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_rank) and [insignia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insignia), retirement pension, disability pension if injured in the line of duty. Loretta Walsh opened the door for all women to enter the navy for many generations to come.

**SECOND WOMAN’S NAME IS** Lucy Brewer

**SHE IS THE FIRST WOMEN** To enter the Marine Corps

Lucy Brewer, originally a farm girl from Massachusetts, disguised herself as a man and served as a member of the USS Constitution Marine guard during the War of 1812. Brewer was inspired by the story of a woman who had posed as a soldier in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. While in the marines she went by the name of George Baker. Lucy’s courage inspired many women to officially join the marines. Opha M. Johnson joined the marines the next day becoming the first official women in the Marine Corps.

Lucy Brewer   
Born during the later 17 hundreds  
Died during the late 18 hundreds

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