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Women could not be promoted to the grades of General and Admiral until Public Law 90-130 was signed 8 Nov 1967.

The first woman to receive her star was BG Anna Mae Hays, (Army) on 11 Jun 1970. Elizabeth P. Hoisington (Army) received her star the same day. In 1971, the Air Force promoted its first general, Jeanne Holm. In Jul 1972, Alene B. Duerk received a spot promotion to become the first female rear admiral (lower half), the Navy's equivalent to brigadier general. The Navy took eight years to promote a female line officer, Fan McKee, to Flag rank. Ten years were to pass before the Marine Corps promoted Margaret Brewer to become its first woman brigadier general. See:

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