

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER THREE DORIS I. "LUCKI" ALLEN US Army, Retired



CW3 Doris I. "Lucki" Allen, a native of El Paso, Texas, enlisted into the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in Jackson, Mississippi in late 1950. She completed basic then advanced training as an Entertainment Specialist at the Adjutant General School in 1951 at Fort Lee, Virginia. She spent a few months at the Presidio in San Francisco and Fort Lewis, Washington before going overseas. PFC Allen served for a year and half as an Entertainment Specialist organizing soldier shows and as Editor of the military newspaper for the Army Occupation Forces in support of the Korean War in Camp Sendai, Japan.

Upon returning to the US, CPL Allen was assigned as a radio broadcast specialist at Camp Stoneman, California. The closing of Camp Stoneman led to SP5 Allen's assignment to Oakland Army Base, California, and following that, her attendance at the Armed Forces Information School at Fort Slocum, New York, for the Information Specialist Course. In 1956, SP5 Allen returned to Japan as a Public Information Officer and Newspaper Editor. After two years in Japan, she returned to the US and served as an Information Specialist for five years for the Headquarters at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. After completing French language training at the Defense Language Institute in 1963, SP5 Allen became the first military female trained in a Prisoner of War Interrogation Course at the US Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Maryland. Upon the completion of her training she was assigned as an Interrogator at Headquarters, US Continental Army Command Intelligence Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She served as the sole strategic intelligence analyst covering Latin America affairs until 1965.

While at Fort Bragg, SP7 Allen (one of only 22 persons in the entire armed forces to hold that rank) completed interrogation and intelligence analyst courses. She was the honor graduate in three consecutive courses conducted by the Third US Army Area Intelligence School in 1967.

SP7 Allen then reported to Vietnam and served as the Senior Intelligence Analyst, Army Operations Center, Headquarters, US Army at Long Binh, Vietnam. While in Vietnam, she started her second tour and held the position of Supervisor, Security Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Security, Plans, and Operations, Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command, Vietnam. In the spring of 1970, she was promoted to Warrant Officer. She was one of only nine female warrant officers in Military Intelligence and one of only 23 in the entire Army at the time.



WO Allen began her third consecutive tour in Vietnam in March 1970 as the Officer in Charge of the Translation Branch, Combined Document Exploitation Center, Saigon, Vietnam. Despite not being able to speak Vietnamese, Allen supervised approximately 40 South Vietnamese nationals employed in the translation of the large amount of captured enemy documents brought to the Center on a daily basis. Her loyalty, diligence, and devotion in all of her assignments in Vietnam earned her the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters.

Returning to the US from Vietnam in September 1970, she served as an Instructor for Prisoner of War Interrogations, Army Intelligence Center and School, Fort Holabird, Maryland. She moved with the school in 1971 to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. After completing the Counterintelligence

Transition Course in 1971, WO Allen returned to the Defense Language Institute where she completed the German course.

After a stint with the intelligence unit at the Presidio of San Francisco, CW2 Allen was sent overseas as a Special Agent with the 527th Military Intelligence Brigade, Federal Republic of Germany. In 1977, CW2 Allen reported to the US Army Intelligence and Security Command Counterintelligence and Signal Security Battalion, Presidio of San Francisco where she worked as the Senior Counterintelligence Agent and Security Manager. While at the Presidio, CW2 Allen was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer Three in 1978. CW3 Allen retired in 1980 after a 30-year distinguished career.

CW3 Lucki Allen was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009.

More of Lucki's story can be found in *[A Piece of My Heart: The Stories of Twenty-Six American Women Who Served in Vietnam](#)*, by Keith Walker (1985). She was also interviewed for the Women's Memorial Oral History Program in August 2004. A transcript of that interview can be found at the following link: <http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/virtualarchive/items.php?keyword=Tet%20Offensive&media=oh>