

**MRS. GLENDA GRIFFIN**  
**Department of the Army Civilian, Retired (Deceased)**



Although Glenda Griffin entered Federal Service in 1958 as a GS-2 Clerk Typist at Redstone Arsenal, by 1965 she had entered the Military Intelligence arena. As an analyst at the Missile Intelligence Agency, Redstone Arsenal, during the Vietnam War, her understanding of Soviet Air Defense tactics and doctrine fostered a continuous and immediate exchange between the Intelligence Community in the United States and US Air Force operating units in Vietnam. Over the next several years, she provided intelligence analytical support to US personnel supporting the Israeli/Arab conflicts and managed a comprehensive translation effort of captured Arab documents that became the basis for an understanding of Arab capabilities to wage Air Defense combat.

In 1981, Mrs. Griffin transferred to the US Army Electronic Research and Development Command, predecessor of US Army Laboratory Command (LABCOM). She was instrumental in developing the Electronic Warfare Integrated Reprogrammable Database and establishing a solid relationship with the Air Force Electronic Warfare Center in San Antonio, Texas. Her next assignment was in the Special Programs Branch of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DCSINT) at Army Materiel Command. During this assignment, she developed policies and procedures for managing Intelligence Special Access Programs.

In 1985, Mrs. Griffin returned to LABCOM as the Deputy to the DCSINT and Chief of the Special Programs Branch. She and her staff refined the procedures for protecting special access programs during field testing. She became the LABCOM DCSINT in 1987, continuing to serve as a bridge between the Research, Development, and Acquisition community and the Intelligence community. During Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, Mrs. Griffin managed a major foreign exploitation effort that provided previously unknown intelligence to the Theater and resulted in changes to a major battlefield system.

In 1990, she became the Senior Intelligence Officer, US Army Research Laboratory (ARL), and was appointed as a special Army Observer to the inter-agency Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee. In addition to her Intelligence responsibilities, Mrs. Griffin managed the consolidation and downsizing of the seven independent laboratories of LABCOM into the unified ARL. A champion of fairness and equality, she

was commended for the establishment of a women's mentoring program and advancement of women in the Intelligence Service. During her last year at ARL, she established the first Computer Security and Incident Response Team in the Army. This team successfully developed automated methods for recognizing, identifying, responding to and reporting computer security intrusions.

Mrs. Griffin culminated her career as Chief, Intelligence and Security, Office of the Chief of Staff, ARL. She managed a staff of 61 Intelligence and Security professionals who provided myriad services to the Laboratory's multiple sites within the United States.

After 37 years of federal service, Ms. Griffin retired in September 1997. Her awards include the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, which she received in 1980 and upon her retirement in 1997; the Della Whittaker Memorial Award given by the Federally Employed Women (Adelphi Chapter); and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Ms. Griffin passed away in August 2016. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2017.