

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER THREE ANN M. MCDONOUGH US Army, Retired (Deceased)



CW3 McDonough began her military career in 1949 when she joined the Women's Army Corps. She received intelligence analyst training and broke the gender barrier by being the first female admitted to the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) Special Agent Course at Fort Holabird, Maryland, from which she graduated with honors in 1952. She served as a Special Agent between 1952 and 1955 in the 902nd CIC Group, Washington, D.C.

After attending Army Language School for French in 1956, she again broke new ground by serving in the 66th MI Group as the first female Special Agent assigned overseas. For the next five years, she completed several covert assignments in East and West Germany, in addition to attending the German Language School in Oberammergau.

Upon her return to the United States in 1963, McDonough was appointed Warrant Officer and was the first woman to attend the Polygraph School. She added Vietnamese to her linguistic capabilities and was assigned to the Military Assistance Command-Vietnam, where she served from 1966 to 1968 conducting polygraph missions throughout the country and investigating suspected double agents. Later, she was the Chief, Polygraph Section, 502nd MI Detachment, Korea.

After 25 years of service, McDonough medically retired in 1974. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Medal (4 awards), the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with six battle stars.

CW3 McDonough was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1988 and she served as a Distinguished Member of the Corps until her passing in April 1995.

In 2012, the 902nd MI Group dedicated CW3 Ann M. McDonough Hall at Fort Meade, Maryland, in her honor.



**CW3 McDonough as a young
WAC**



CW3 Ann McDonough being inducted as a Distinguished Member of the MI Corps in 1988.