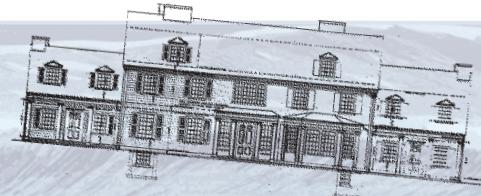


*G*hroughout the ages, the achievements of women, all too frequently, have been unsung, ignored, downgraded and dismissed. The intention of Sisters of Grit is to help rectify this state of affairs by recognizing and applauding the accomplishments of twelve remarkable women. The women spotlighted are just a tiny representation of the plethora of exceptional women whose stories deserve to be told.



*O*WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNDENIABLE RIGHTS; AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THAT ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN, WE SOLEMNLY PUBLISH AND DECLARE, THAT THESE COLONIES ARE AND OF RIGHT OUGHT TO BE FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS DECLARATION, WITH A FIRM RELIANCE ON THE PROTECTION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, WE MUTUALLY PLEDGE OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES, AND OUR SACRED HONOUR.

*G*ound on these pages are the voices of an artist and an actress, a scientist and a spy, and ordinary women who accomplished extraordinary feats that have left signature and important imprints on the American story. Yet, their names are recognized by very few. The twelve women showcased come from all walks of life. Their ages span the gulf between teenager and septuagenarian. They represent diverse ethnicities and dissimilar economic backgrounds.

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