



Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley
1918 – 2002

Inducted 1997

Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley was the first black officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps as a commanding officer of the only organization of black women to serve overseas during World War II. Her book, "One Woman's Army: a Black

Officer Remembers the WAC," recounts her experiences as a pioneer coping with the difficulties of being an African American woman in the army while carrying out the enormous assignment of ensuring that the U.S. mail was delivered to every American sitting in the European theater throughout the war. Charity Earley served her community after the war as well as serving on numerous boards including Sinclair Community College, DP & L, Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority, and the American Red Cross. She was one of the founding members of Leadership Dayton and Parity 2000.

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