

September Highlights in US Women's History

- **Sept 12, 1910** - Alice Stebbins Wells, a former social worker, becomes the first woman police officer with arrest powers in US (Los Angeles, CA)
- **Sept 14, 1964** - Helen Keller receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom along with 4 other women: Dr. Lena Edwards, Lynn Fontaine, Dr. Helen Taussig, and Leontyne Price
- **Sept 14, 1975** - Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized. She is the first American-born saint, and founded the first U.S. Order of Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph
- **Sept 20, 1973** - Billie Jean King defeats Bobby "No broad can beat me" Riggs in the battle of the sexes tennis match
- **Sept 25, 1981** - Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first woman U.S. Supreme Court justice
- **Sept 26, 1971** - Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-New York) announces she will enter the Democratic presidential primaries
- **Sept 26, 1973** - Capt. Lorraine Potter, an American Baptist minister, is the first woman U.S. Air Force chaplain
- **Sept 29, 1988** - Stacy Allison becomes first U.S. woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest

September Birthdays

- **Sept 1, 1933 (2006)** - Ann Richards, second woman elected governor of Texas (1990)
- **Sept 2, 1948 (1986)** - Christa McAuliffe, NH teacher, selected in 1985 to be the first teacher in space; died aboard space shuttle Challenger
- **Sept 3, 1920 (1966)** - Marguerite Higgins, first woman to win Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting (1951) for coverage of the Korean War
- **Sept 6, 1860 (1935)** - Jane Addams, founder of Hull House in Chicago, first major settlement house. First American woman to receive Nobel Peace Prize (1931); helped establish American Civil Liberties Union (1920)
- **Sept 8, 1859 (1918)** - Mary M. Kimball Kehew, union organizer, cofounder of the Union for Industrial Progress (1892); first president of National Women's Trade Union League (1903)
- **Sept 14, 1830 (1910)** - Emily Edson Briggs, first woman White House correspondent, during Lincoln's administration; first president of Women's National Press Assn. (1882)
- **Sept 14, 1879 (1966)** - Margaret Sanger, pioneer in birth control and sex education; founded predecessor to Planned Parenthood
- **Sept 18, 1905 (1993)** - Agnes De Mille, dancer, choreographer, pioneer of the American Ballet Theater
- **Sept 20, 1946** - Judith Baca, Latina visual artist and muralist; community activist.
- **Sept 23, 1863 (1954)** - Mary Church Terrell, first president of National Assn. of Colored Women (1896); picketed in Washington DC for suffrage and desegregation
- **Sept 23, 1838 (1927)** - Victoria Woodhull, feminist, first woman candidate for U.S. President (1872) for the Equal Rights Party; with sister, first women to be members of the NY Stock Exchange (1870's)