

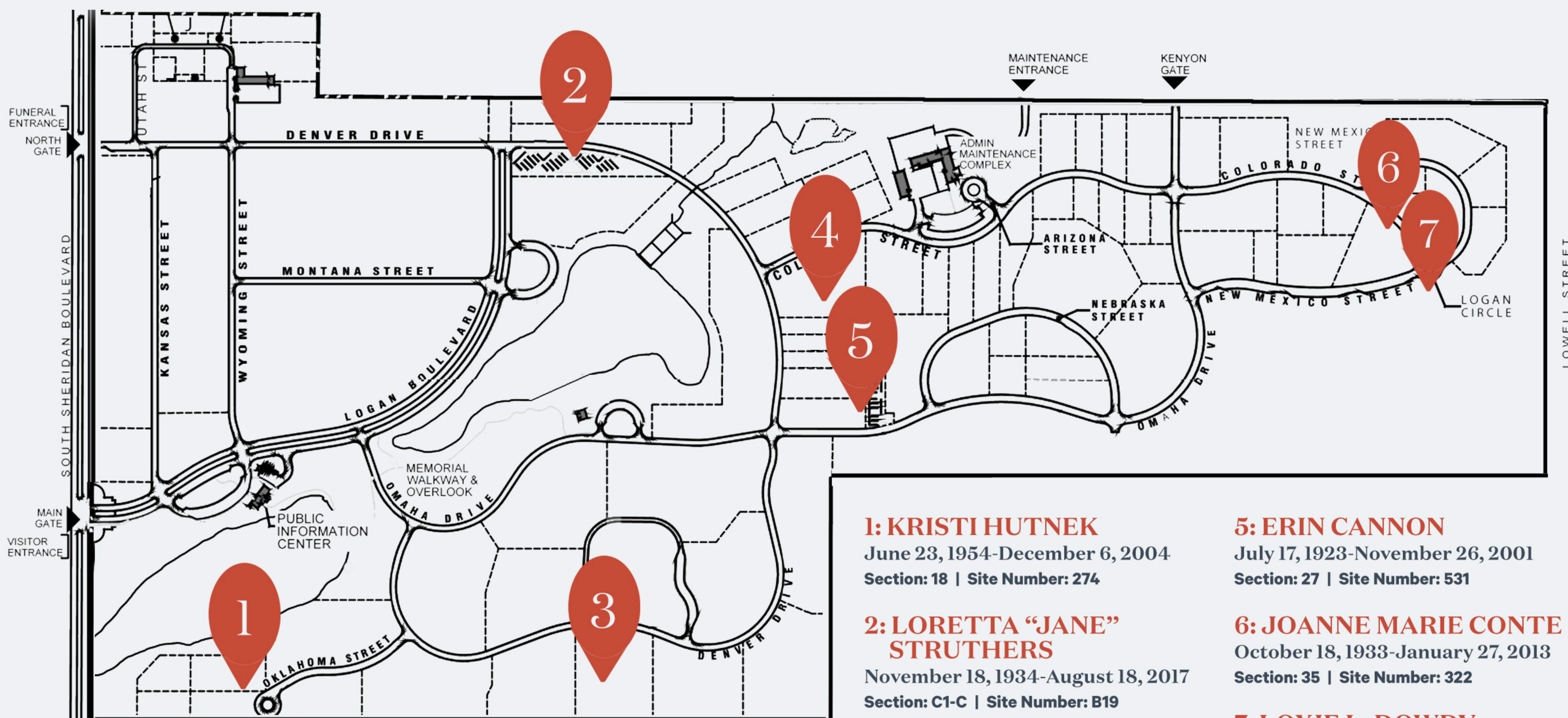
SISTERS IN SERVICE

Walking Tour

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Women have served both on the battlefield and closer to home in official military capacities throughout U.S. history. In Fort Logan National Cemetery, over 2,300 women are interred. Looking at these women's lives, you will find a snapshot of the extensive and varied history of the service and sacrifice of female veterans. Women's experiences in earlier wars differed vastly from their experiences in later conflicts. During World War Two, women served primarily as nurses or in the women's segregated units such as the Women's Army Corps (WACs) or the Women's Auxiliary Pilots (WASPs). In the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, women served primarily as nurses although as the following stories describe, women seized opportunities during these wars to serve in military capacities as well. By the Persian Gulf War there was a major shift as 40,000 women served in various positions all across the armed forces. Still, women faced limitations to how they could serve their country. It was not until 2015 that women could serve in front-line combat positions and finally in 2016 the Army opened all specialties, branches and career fields to women.

As the following stories describe, there was no common female experience of war. Women who chose to serve their country did so with pride, ambivalence, determination and even fear. Their stories, struggles, and sacrifices are less known than those of men and the time to hear and think about them is perhaps long overdue.



1: KRISTI HUTNEK
June 23, 1954-December 6, 2004
Section: 18 | Site Number: 274

2: LORETTA "JANE" STRUTHERS
November 18, 1934-August 18, 2017
Section: C1-C | Site Number: B19

3: ROSE WEINBERG
Sept 18, 1904-Sept 22, 2000
Section: 9 | Site Number: 889

4: MARIAH ANN BARTON
October 18, 1980-May 26, 2002
Section: 25 | Site Number: 1110

5: ERIN CANNON
July 17, 1923-November 26, 2001
Section: 27 | Site Number: 531

6: JOANNE MARIE CONTE
October 18, 1933-January 27, 2013
Section: 35 | Site Number: 322

7: LOXIE L. DOWDY
July 13, 1930-August 30, 2017
Section: 76 | Site Number: 46