

ETHEL F. LORD

Ethel F. Lord was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. During World War II she served in the American Red Cross in both the European and Pacific theaters, and was the first woman to be appointed Field Director of Camp Services in the Pacific.

Fairleigh Dickenson University selected Ethel F. Lord as one of New Jersey's outstanding business women of 1964. She was the Director of Home Services for New Jersey Central and New Jersey Power and Light companies.

As a Soroptimist, she served as President of the Asbury Park Club, Secretary and Governor of the North Atlantic Region, President of Soroptimist International of the Americas, and President of Soroptimist International.

The Philadelphia Soroptimist Club's World War II project of helping to rehabilitate handicapped patients in local government hospitals, combined with Ethel Lord's vast experience, gave birth to the concept of the North Atlantic Region Fellowship.

In 1946, the North Atlantic Region granted its initial Soroptimist Fellowship to the first woman on this continent to receive a Fellowship in plastic surgery. The award was presented to Dr. Alma Dea Morani of Philadelphia.

Upon Ethel Lord's death, contributions in her memory poured in from all over the world. At her niece's request, these monies were contributed to support the North Atlantic Region Fellowship. Because of these donations, the annual award by the North Atlantic Region was renamed the Ethel F. Lord Fellowship.

Since 1946, Fellowships have been given to women graduate students in the field of medicine, government foreign service and, most recently, gerontology. The North Atlantic Region Board has recently updated this fellowship to help a Woman Veteran attain her career goals. *"Women serve in every branch of the military, representing 15 percent of today's active duty military and nearly 18 percent of National Guard and Reserve forces. By 2020, VA estimates women Veterans will constitute 10 percent of the Veteran population"*. <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2420>

"Each Fellowship touches and influences that scholar seeking additional training, but does not end there. The cumulative effect of each Fellowship lives on and on, and that is our dividend."

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EMAIL APPLICATION TO: Peggy Gentile-Van Meter, Chair
Ethel F. Lord Fellowship
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**IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, A COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST BE EMAILED BY:
12:00 PM EST January 31, 2018**



Ethel F. Lord Fellowship

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Soroptimist International of the Americas

Soroptimist is an international organization for women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Almost 95,000 Soroptimist in about 120 countries and territories contribute time and financial support to community-based and international projects that benefit women and girls.

The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimist are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.

Soroptimist members belong to local clubs, which determine the focus of volunteer work to their communities. Club projects range from renovating domestic violence shelters and providing mammograms to low-income women, to sponsoring self-esteem workshops for teenage girls.

ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIPS are granted by the North Atlantic Region to Women Veterans who are in financial need in order to improve their quality of life and/or fulfill their career goals. The Fellowship is a benefit to aid the recipient in a broad spectrum of social and economic challenges that the Woman Veteran is facing and/or help in the pursuit of a vocation or education degree. To qualify for consideration, the Woman Veteran must reside within the geographic area of the Region, and must demonstrate through documentation her financial need. The Region encompasses all or parts of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Wheeling, West Virginia.

"Many Women Veterans face challenges when returning to civilian life that are different from those of their male counterparts, including raising children on their own or dealing with the psychological after effects of events such as military sexual trauma. These issues, without intervention, can put Women Veterans at greater risk of becoming homeless. This makes VA's efforts to provide housing and health care support all the more critical. It is a challenge VA continues to embrace". http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/for_women_veterans.asp

An ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIP is granted up to \$5,000. The 2018 award will be presented in April 2018. The North Atlantic Region encourages the recipient to attend the conference to receive the fellowship and to briefly speak about her goals as a Woman Veteran.

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Letters of recommendation may also be emailed to peggyvanmeter@aol.com with Ethel F. Lord Recommendation in subject heading.

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