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Learn the History of the Women's Ambulance Safety Patrol at Grinnell Hall

Aug. 7, 2019 - On April 3, 1940, Rockford-area women introduced the first Women's Ambulance Safety Patrol (W.A.S.P.), an effort that would soon sweep the nation. Grinnell Hall is inviting the public to learn the history of the W.A.S.P. from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12.

Winnebago County Veterans Memorial Hall and Museum (VMH) opened a scrapbook in their archives to unearth a Rockford first. These women's stories can't be found online, but after several months of intense research, their story and pictures are ready to be showcased! See if you are distantly related to any of the 200-plus women who were involved in this effort. This story is a living legacy and is expected to grow as more information comes to light. Step back into a 1940's time capsule of the stateline history.

VMH volunteer Mary Rose, who researched the W.A.S.P., will provide the presentation. Registration is not required but appreciated. Contact Grinnell Hall Senior Center at 608-364-2875. Grinnell Hall is located at 631 Bluff St., Beloit.

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