

# **WE CAN DO IT!**

## **Women of the FDR Administration and World War II**

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Course will be taught in a lecture setting with powerpoint slides, images and video. The contributions of women in designing and implementing the FDR agenda will be highlighted. The roles and contributions of women in WWII will be examined. We will discuss how these women have influenced women in the following decades.

### **FDR Administration**

1. Marguerite Missy Le Hand – Presidential Secretary
2. Frances Perkins – Secretary of Labor
3. Anna Rosenberg – Implemented New Deal programs
4. Mary McCleod Bethune – Director of Negro Affairs

**Military Service** – Women’s service and accomplishments in all six branches of the military

**Military Intelligence** - Cryptanalysts, code breakers and the pioneers of computing

**Spies and Propaganda Experts**

**The Homefront and WWII women’s continuing impact**

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

***Week 1 – LeHand and Perkins***

***Week 2 – Rosenberg and Bethune***

***Week 3 – Military***

***Week 4 – Military Intelligence and Spies and Propaganda Experts***

***Week 5 – Homefront and Summary***

**Books of note (not required reading):**

***The Gatekeeper*** – Missy LeHand, FDR and the Untold Story of the Partnership that Defined a Presidency by Kathryn Smith

***Becoming Madam Secretary*** – Stephanie Dray

***The Confidante*** - The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America by Christopher C. Gorham