

LADY OF THE ARMY: THE LIFE OF MRS. GEORGE S. PATTON

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BEATRICE AYER PATTON SHAPED THE MAN, FORTIFIED THE SOLDIER, AND CREATED THE LEGEND.

New York, New York – November 11, 2022. 395 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston might be known as the only Tiffany-designed home in the world, but it was also where an insecure, twenty-two-year-old George Patton declared his love to Beatrice Ayer. Her father liked the man but not so much the soldier and tried everything in his power to make him change careers. The West Point Cadet, however, was as hellbent on becoming a great battlefield commander as his sweetheart was on becoming his wife. He made a perfect choice because, as *Lady of the Army* shows, George Patton would never have reached the heights he did without Beatrice Ayer.

Offering a unique view of WWII, straddling the line between the home-and-war front, *Lady of the Army* tells the story of the General's greatest champion in life and fiercest defender in death while shedding new light on a complex personality many remember as "old blood and guts." Called "a triumph" by Joanne Holbrook Patton and "a unique book in the military biography field" by the Manhattan Book Review, *Lady of the Army* has been hailed for its extensive research and factual reporting.

Lady of the Army is Stefanie Van Steelandt's debut work. An independent scholar and blogger who spent the last twenty years studying biography, she grew up near Belgium's Liberty Road, which General Patton and his Third Army followed during WWII. Currently living in New York City and working on her second book, Stefanie spent nearly four years researching and writing *Lady of the Army*.

Lady of the Army is available from Minnegaske Press wherever books are sold—hardcover, eBook, and paperback (summer 2023). If you would like to request a review copy, please contact Stefanie Van Steelandt at svansteelandt@minnegatepress.com.

"Lady of the Army is the remarkable history of Beatrice Patton, a true renaissance woman and backbone of the famous military family ... This book is magnificent and a literary triumph!"

—Brian M. Sobel, Author of The Fighting Pattons

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