Sally Murphy MWAOHI Interview – July 23, 2019 Abstract

Sally Woolfolk Murphy entered the Women's Army Corps by direct appointment in 1972 and reported for duty at Anniston, AL in January 1973. While training as a cryptographer, the Army opened flight school to women, and Murphy applied. On June 4, 1974, 2LT Sally Murphy graduated from Initial Entry Rotary Wing Class 74-14 at Fort Rucker, AL, becoming the Army's first woman aviator. After flying TH-55s, OH-58s, and UH-1s during training, Murphy was assigned to a Guardrail unit in Germany, flying the RU-21 and serving as the battalion intelligence officer (S2). As a Military Intelligence officer, she flew the UH-1 and commanded the 78th AVN Bn (Provisional) at Camp Zama, Japan. At the Pentagon, Murphy served on the Army Staff where she authored the first Joint Requirements document for unmanned aerial vehicles. On the Joint Staff, LTC Murphy was a team chief in the National Military Joint Intelligence Center. After completing Army War College, Colonel Murphy served on the Army Staff as the G-2 Congressional Liaison before retiring on July 1, 1999.

Aircraft: OH-58, TH-55, UH-1, U-21

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