

THE SALUKI GREEN ACTION TEAM

A weekly email newsletter focused on sustainability

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Women's History month



WELCOME BACK!

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Happy Women's History month! We also celebrated International Women's Day on March 8. In a most fitting conclusion to Black History Month as well as in celebration of Women's History Month, we want to take this opportunity to introduce you to America's oldest National Park Ranger.

Betty Reid Soskin serves at the Rosie the Riveter World War II/Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California.

MORE ABOUT THIS OUTSTANDING WOMAN:

- Born in 1921 (age 96).
- Grew up in Detroit, New Orleans, and California
- She worked as a file clerk for the African-American local of the International Boilermakers Union in Richmond during World War II.
- Profiled in the museum's 2018 Electronic Field Trip about African American Experiences during World War II.



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Photo of Soskin as a young adult

Soskin was a featured speaker at the museum's 2012 International Conference on World War II. Watch her presentation here.

John Pope, The New Orleans Times-Picayune and NOLA.com reporter noted in an interview that Soskin "almost always wears her ranger uniform, on- and off-duty." Then start a new paragraph with the next sentence that includes Soskins quote.

The uniform is, "a silent announcement of a career path for every child of color who sees me," Soskin said. "I think it's extremely important."

IN-PERSON CAMPUS EVENT:

Women's History Month 2021 related

Women's History Month 2021

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, BLACK

WOMEN'S BRUNCH, 12:30 - 2:30 P.M.

Ballroom B. Hosted by the Black Affairs

Council. Learn more and register on

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<https://www.facebook.com/BlackAffairsCouncilSIUC/>

