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FLORENCE EBERSOLE SMITH FINCH (1915-2016)

US Coast Guard Women's Reserve

Seaman Second Class

Place of Birth: Santiago, Isabela, Philippines

Military Honors: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon; Medal of Freedom

Service: Florence was the daughter of a Filipina mother and an American father. When she was working with the Philippine Underground, the Japanese captured and tortured her. Before Japan surrendered, she enlisted in the Coast Guard Women's Reserve. She was the first woman to receive the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon.