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Major General Verna Fairchild's Air Force Uniform, ca. 1999



Verna D. Fairchild, the first member of the Nursing Corps to command an Air National Guard Tactical Hospital (123rd in Louisville, Kentucky), wore this uniform. In June 1990, she became the first Air Guard assistant for nursing to the surgeon general of the Air Combat Command (Langley Air Force Base, Virginia), and in October 1993, she became the first nurse and the first female in Air Guard history appointed as assistant adjutant general for air. Fairchild retired from Kentucky state government in 1997 as the assistant to the commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

Donated by Major General Verna D. Fairchild, 2000.7.1ab

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