

Making Strides | Women of MGC: Jean Fries

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Meet Jean Fries. Jean joined MGC last year as a litigation support assistant in the firm's Myrtle Beach office.

The youngest of five children, Jean Fries was the only female (and only child) in her family to join the military. "I went to basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas, then spent my first two years at Rein-Main AB in Germany," she says.

"Upon my return to the United States, I was assigned to the 28th Air Refueling Squadron at Ellsworth AFB in San Diego. There, I was chosen to be a part of one of the largest Strategic Air Command ("SAC") inspections, and received the Air Force's Commendation Medal for my hard work and dedication for one of the most successful inspections in the history of SAC."

"In August of 1990 – after Iraq invaded Kuwait (Desert Storm) and for most of us, this was the first conflict we had seen in our lifetime – I received an honorable discharge from Active Duty. I then went into the Air Force Reserves where I was selected to attend the Air Force Judge Advocate General School of Paralegal Studies at Maxwell AFB in Alabama, and became the first graduating class of this newly created career field. After graduating, many opportunities opened up for me, including working as a paralegal for 15 years at a major radio broadcasting company in Boston, until moving to Myrtle Beach last year and joining MGC.

Pictured left is Jean receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Pictured right is KC-135 flying over Mount Rushmore.