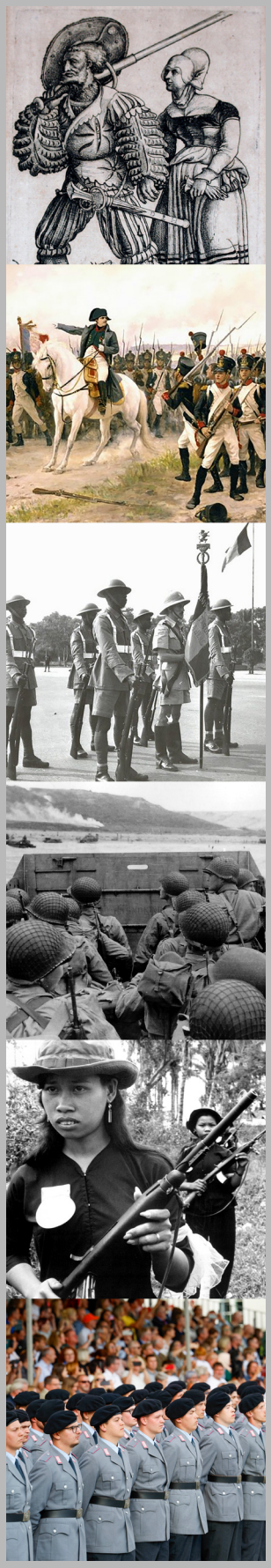
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Women's Participation in Defending Ukraine in Russia's War: 12 Years of Resistance

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Since 1991, Ukraine has made considerable progress toward gender equality across various spheres of society, including the military. Since adopting the first National Action Plan, the Ukrainian security and defense sector has undergone several significant systemic changes. Data from five extensive sociological studies called "Invisible Battalion" demonstrate the successes and challenges of gender equality implementation in the Ukrainian armed forces, the status of female veterans, and the problem of sexual harassment in the military. The "Invisible Battalion" advocacy campaign, which began in 2015, initiated positive changes in the security and defense sector and helped shift public perception of women defenders.

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