

## Homeland of Our War Brides'

Algeria	Australia
Austria	Belgium
Bermuda	Czechoslovakia
England	France
Germany	Italy
Japan	Korea
The Netherlands	New Zealand
North Ireland	The Philippines
Poland	Scotland
Serbian	Spain
Switzerland	Wales

Membership is open to foreign-born women and men who married U.S. servicemen/women who served during any conflict, from WWII to present. Also to their spouses, and descendants.

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## World War II War Brides Association

*“Sisters Helping Sisters  
To One Supportive Family”*



Foreign GI War Brides  
Representing Twenty-two  
Countries

## Our History

In the 1980's, Barbara Scibetta, the daughter of a German War Bride, and Elfrieda Shukert, the daughter of an Austrian War Bride and herself a veteran of the U.S. Army, met at San Francisco State University while attending a course in "Problems of American Identity." They became co-authors of the book, "*War Brides of World War II*" which was published by Presidio Press in 1988. During their five years of research for the book, they had been in touch with more than 2000 War Brides from all 50 states. They also organized the very first War Brides reunion on board the Queen Mary in the harbor of Long Beach, California. This beautiful ship was most appropriate because so many of the English War Brides had come over on her during and after the war. This first reunion took place in April of 1985 and was attended by 500 War Brides and their husbands. Those who attended this reunion remember it well and still talk about it because it was the very first time War Brides from so many different countries got together.

A War Bride or Groom is any foreign national who married an American member of the Armed Forces who served during a conflict from WWII to present. During the war and after years about one million War Brides from 50 different countries came over here primarily "for the love of an American soldier." Not since the last great wave of immigration in the 1920's had so many people, so many women in particular, immigrated to the United States.

Check out [www.uswarbrides.com](http://www.uswarbrides.com)

## Reunions

- 1996 Laughlin, NV.
- 1997 Arlington, VA.
- 1998 Tampa, FL.
- 1999 Reno, NV.
- 2000 Newport, R.I.
- 2001 Denver, CO.
- 2002 Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2003 Charleston, SC.
- 2004 Washington, D.C .
- 2005 Seattle, WA.
- 2006 San Antonio, TX.
- 2007 Chicago, IL.
- 2008 Orlando, FL.
- 2009 San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 St. Louis, MO.
- 2011 San Diego, CA.
- 2012 Boston, MA August 16 - 20



"WWII War Bride wedding dresses, including one on the far right that was made from the parachute that saved her GI husband's life during combat battle."



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