

# SERVICE WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK



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The Service Women's Action Network (SWAN) is the voice of women in the military. We are a member-driven community network advocating for the individual and collective needs of service women past, present and future.

Today, nearly 2.5 million women have served or serve in the U.S. military; the highest number in history. Even as the U.S. military downsizes, and the total veterans population in the U.S. declines, the number of women veterans is actually projected to increase for the foreseeable future. Service women are becoming a vocal and influential community within our society.

SWAN is dedicated to ensuring that all service women receive the opportunities, protections, benefits and respect they deserve and have access to the information, tools and support they need to achieve their personal and professional goals during and following their years of service.

Our actions are guided by the priorities of our members, regardless of rank and experience. We benefit from the involvement of general officers to junior enlisted, from the involvement of those who retired 20 years ago to those whose service to their country is just beginning.

## Looking Back

SWAN was founded in 2007 to help service women and women veterans achieve equal opportunities, equal protections and equal benefits. SWAN builds up service women leaders, educates policy makers, testifies before Congress, engages military and veteran leadership, works with the legal community and informs the public. Our efforts provide expert research and analysis and help service members and veterans to advocate for their interests. We build coalitions with veteran, civil rights and other social justice organizations to ensure that we can offer support to women who serve their country.

We have achieved notable success in transforming military culture and reforming veterans services. To date, SWAN has played a major role in opening jobs to service women, holding sex offenders accountable in the military justice system, eliminating barriers to disability claims for those who have experienced military sexual trauma and post traumatic stress and expanding access to services for a broad range of reproductive health care services.



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# Looking Ahead

Despite our growing numbers and importance to the U.S. military and to society, service women still suffer from Americans' lack of awareness and misperceptions. Yet today's service women and women veterans are important leaders, employees and consumers whose contributions deserve recognition and support.

In response, SWAN is evolving to keep up with the growing size and changing needs of our band of sisters.

- SWAN is developing a multi-year public awareness and education campaign that will increase Americans' awareness and correct their misperceptions about women who have served or continue to serve in the military.
- SWAN is expanding the Service Women's Institute, a unique fellowship program—first

organized in 2015—where SWAN trains, mentors and develops women veterans as leaders who strengthen and speak out in their neighborhoods and communities.

- While service members have been targeted in the last decade with innumerable healthcare, hiring and other support programs, the majority of these programs are still designed by default to meet the needs of male service members. SWAN is working to promote the creation of gender-specific services to meet the needs of service women.
- SWAN is committed to building an inclusive community and developing a comprehensive set of services that will help empower and bring service women together so that they can prosper in their service and their lives.



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