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## **BPW Foundation and WNBA Chicago Sky Salute Women Military Veterans**

Meet Col Sylvia Moran and Business and Professional Women's Foundation CEO Deborah L. Frett

**Washington DC** -- Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Foundation and the Chicago Sky are joining together to salute our women military veterans at 7:30 pm on August 12, 2011, when the Chicago Sky face the Minnesota Lynx at Allstate Arena. Game tickets for women veterans are free, and their family members can join them for just \$10 each.

"We urge everyone in Chicago to join us at this important event, to show our appreciation for area women veterans and their commitment to our country," said Deborah L. Frett, BPW Foundation CEO.

During the evening, information will be available about BPW Foundation's Joining Forces for Women Veterans Mentorship Program, recently launched in conjunction with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as part of First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden's Joining Forces initiative. This program will significantly increase women veteran and military wives' employment by establishing a network of 10,000 women mentors from corporate, government, and nonprofit organizations across the country and connect them with women veterans and military wives by the end of 2012.

BPW Foundation CEO Deborah L. Frett will outline the mentorship program and explain how individuals can get involved at a special reception before the game. Col. Sylvia Moran, a member of the first West Point class to include women, will also speak. Recently retired from a successful 35-year military career, she will share her thoughts on the challenges of transitioning from a military career to a civilian one.

Tickets for the 6:00 pm pre-game reception with Ms. Frett and Col. Moran and **Floor Center tickets** can be purchased for \$75 by calling Justin Kirk at 312-994-5983. The Chicago Sky will donate a portion of proceeds from ticket sales to BPW Foundation's Joining Forces for Women Veterans Mentorship Program. Women veterans who would like to attend the game for free should call Justin at the same number.

To learn more about the Joining Forces for <u>Women Veteran's Mentorship Program</u>, visit the BPW Foundation website.

**BPW Foundation** supports workforce development programs and workplace policies that recognize the diverse needs of working women, communities and businesses. BPW Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) research and education organization. To learn more, visit <u>BPW Foundation - Business and Professional Women</u>

**The Chicago Sky**, one of six independently owned WNBA teams, is currently in its sixth season as a member of the WNBA's Eastern Conference. For information on 2011 Season tickets to see the Sky play at Allstate Arena, call 866.SKY.WNBA or visit www.chicagosky.net.

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