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Women Veterans Interactive to honor five women as Honorary Women Veterans for the impact they have made in the women veterans community

Washington, DC- Women Veterans Interactive (WVI) announced that this year's recipients at their [1st Annual Women Veterans Awards Brunch and Silent Auction](#) will honor five outstanding women who have made significant impacts in the women veteran community.

On May 18, 2013 [Women Veterans Interactive](#) will host the 2013 Women Veterans Awards Brunch and Silent Auction at B. Smith's Restaurant in Washington D.C. to raise Awareness and Funding for Homeless Women Veteran Programs. Five women will be recognized and receive the "Honorary Woman Veteran Award" for their efforts in supporting women veterans and their families. The five women being honored are: **Congresswoman Donna Edwards**, [Maryland 4th Congressional District](#), **Deborah L. Frett**, CEO [Business and Professional Women's Foundation](#), **Lisa Stern** Economic Empowerment Executive Vice President, [Wounded Warrior Project](#), **Pamela Stokes Eggleston, MBA, RYT** Director of External Affairs and a Co-Founder, [Blue Star Families](#) and **Sally A. Koblinsky, Ph.D.** Professor, Family Science ADVANCE Professor, [School of Public Health University of Maryland College Park](#).

Women veterans have become the fastest growing population of homeless veterans. These women have served and sacrificed for our country and deserve the service and support needed to break down the barriers that lead to homelessness. Studies have shown that many factors make transition harder for woman veterans, including, lack of awareness and/or unavailability of veteran's benefits, legal issues, military sexual trauma, post traumatic stress disorder, service disabilities, divorce/separation, domestic violence, lack of family or social support networks, and substance abuse.

[Women Veterans Interactive](#) a nonprofit organization whose Founder and CEO, [Ginger Miller](#) was recognized by First Lady Michelle Obama as a Woman Veteran [Champion of Change](#). WVI brings a fresh pioneering approach to supporting women veterans. The programs and projects at Women Veterans Interactive are unique because they focus directly on the mission of the organization which is Meeting Women Veterans at their Points of Need, through Advocacy, Empowerment, Interaction, Outreach, and Unification (AEIOU)

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