



Women Joining Forces - Closing Ranks, Opening Doors® **Women Veteran Facts**

- Between 1990 and 2008, the women veteran population increased from 1.2 million to 1.8 million. Today women represent approximately 8 percent of the total veteran population. Center for Women Veterans – Department for Veterans Affairs
- By the year 2020, it is projected that women veterans will comprise over 10 percent of the veteran population. Center for Women Veterans – Department of Veterans Affairs
- In 2008 there were approximately 1,802,491 female veterans. Center for Women Veterans - Department of Veterans Affairs
- Female veterans ages 25 to 34 have a relatively high unemployment rate of 15.1 percent, and those between of the ages 35 to 44 had an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008
- As of January 2010, the unemployment rate for women veterans was 11.2 percent compared to 9.4 percent for veteran men. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- The estimated median age of all U.S. women veterans is 47, compared with male veterans at 61.
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and depression in women veterans are two of the top three conditions treated. Department of Veterans Affairs
- As of the fall of 2009, women made up more than 14 percent of active duty military, more than 17 percent of active reserves and 15 percent of the National Guard.
- The risk of homelessness for veteran women is 3.6 times as likely as non-veteran women. Robert Rosenheck, Director of Veteran's Affairs Northeast Program Evaluation Center
- Of the nation's 400,000 homeless veterans, 3 percent of them are women. Center for Women Veterans – Department. of Veterans Affairs
- Homeless female veterans are more likely than their male counterparts to be married and suffer from serious psychiatric illness, and are less likely to be employed. National Coalition for the Homeless
- Fifteen to twenty-three (15-23) percent of women veterans reported experiencing sexual trauma while on active duty. Bureau of Labor and Statistics
- In 2000, 3,000 female veterans were admitted to substance abuse treatment. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- There are 2,467,000 fewer veterans overall since 1986, but since that time the number of women veterans has increased by 566,000. Bureau of Labor and Statistics and Women's Research & Education Institute
- Women veterans report that it takes an average of seven years to become fully acclimated to civilian life upon return from deployment. Business and Professional Women's Foundation, *Women Veterans in Transition* report
- Thirty-one percent of female veterans are non-White compared to 19 percent of male veterans. Bureau of Labor and Statistics and Women's Research & Education Institute
- Women veterans are a diverse population with 15.5 percent under the age of 35 and 32 percent women of color. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Women veterans encounter many of the same challenges that impact all working women including pay equity, lack of benefits such as paid sick leave and equal access to healthcare, career training and continuing education. Business and Professional Women's Foundation, *Women Veterans in Transition* report
- Women veterans are more reluctant to seek out the help of the Veterans Administration and utilize the benefits they've earned, possibly because of a lack of knowledge of their eligibility. Disabled American Veterans