

# WOMEN VETERANS



Women make up 10 percent of the total veteran population and are the fastest growing demographic among America's veterans. More than 2 million have served, and the Department of Defense reports women account for nearly 20 percent of the country's active duty force.

Military service is nothing new for women—as far back as the American Revolution, women have answered the call to arms. Being that all combat specialties in the military are now officially open to women only underscores the perils generations of women have faced alongside their male counterparts. DAV and its more than 1 million members want to ensure the American public recognizes the contributions and sacrifices of women in the military, and that our promises are kept to those who have served.



**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

For information on the current landscape of challenges for women veterans, areas of concern and recommendations for change, download DAV's comprehensive report, *Women Veterans: The Journey Ahead*, visit:

[dav.org/women-veterans](https://dav.org/women-veterans)



## YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Today, as women serve in more diverse roles than ever, it is critical we ensure they are aware of and have access to the array of health care, rehabilitative services and benefits (compensation, education and other supports) that women fully earned as a result of their service.

DAV is at the forefront of efforts to ensure gender-specific services are available at all VA health care facilities and are tailored to meet women veterans' unique needs. DAV also fights so women receive appropriate treatment and counseling for post-traumatic stress disorder and any related physical conditions if they were exposed to combat, survived sexual trauma or endured other injuries or illnesses in service. Although positive changes are being made by the government, much more needs to be done. Through advocacy, outreach and direct service to women, DAV continues to work assertively toward additional progress.

### VA Resources for Women Veterans

- ▶ Veterans Crisis Hotline **1-800-273-8255**, Press 1 or Text **838255**
- ▶ Women Veterans Call Center **1-855-VA-WOMEN**
- ▶ National Center for Women Veterans **[va.gov/womenvet](https://va.gov/womenvet)**
- ▶ Women Veterans Call Center and Chat **[www.womenshealth.va.gov/programoverview/wvcc.asp](https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/programoverview/wvcc.asp)**
- ▶ Women Veterans Health Care Program **[www.womenshealth.va.gov](https://www.womenshealth.va.gov)**
- ▶ Women Veterans Programs and Benefits **[benefits.va.gov/persona/veteran-women.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/persona/veteran-women.asp)**

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