



North Dakota Women Veterans

PROCLAMATION

WOMEN VETERANS MONTH

March is Women Veteran/ Military Month in North Dakota

The presence of women in the military began more than 220 years ago with women who served during the American Revolution and continues through today.

Our country's female veterans make up over 1.8 million, in our state over 6000. We also thank and honor those that continue to serve.

North Dakota continues to honor our females who have served and continue to serve by proclaiming March as WOMEN VETERANS MONTH.

WHEREAS, women have served honorably and courageously in all of America's wars and conflicts since the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the United States military has evolved from a predominantly male force to a force with more than 14 percent women who are currently serving on active duty, and nearly 17 percent who are serving in the Reserves and National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the population of women veterans is increasing exponentially, from 1.1 million in 1980 to a projected 2 million by 2020, comprising more than 10 percent of the veteran population; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's veteran population includes more than 6,000 women; and

WHEREAS, with a rapidly increasing number of women serving in the military today and returning from deployments as seasoned veterans with exposure to combat, the Department of Veterans Affairs facilitates and veteran service offices and organizations across our state are working to ensure that the post-deployment mental and physical health needs unique to women veterans are being met; and

WHEREAS, women veterans are encouraged to reach out to the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs and its Women Veterans Coordinator, as well as County Veteran Service Officers and other veteran service organizations, to ensure their voices are heard and their unique healthcare and lifestyle issues are addressed, so that women veterans of all eras receive the services and benefits they deserve; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the generations of women veterans who have proudly and valiantly served this great state and nation, and who have played an integral role in defending our homeland and preserving freedom around the world.



NEWS AT THE FARGO VA

WOMEN VETERANS CALL CENTER
1-855-VA-WOMEN

Mission

Women Veterans Health Care addresses the health care needs of women Veterans and works to ensure that timely, equitable, high-quality,

comprehensive health care services are provided in a sensitive and safe environment at VA health facilities nationwide. We strive to be a national

leader in the provision of health care for women, thereby raising the standard of care for all women.

To fulfill this mission, Women Veterans Health Care works to make certain that all eligible women Veterans requesting VA care are assured of:

- ✦ Comprehensive primary care by a proficient and interested primary care provider
- ✦ Privacy, safety, dignity, and sensitivity to gender-specific needs
- ✦ The right care in the right place and time
- ✦ State-of-the-art health care equipment and technology
- ✦ High-quality preventive and clinical care, equal to that provided to male Veterans
- ✦ OB/GYN Services that includes contraception management, menopausal management, PAPs and maternity care coordination

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Message from NDWV Coordinator:

Another year has gone by.... And a new year begins. Our mission to reach all women veterans that live in North Dakota continues. We continue to address issues that face the female veterans of our state and make sure our women who have served and those who are yet to come home have the best resources available.

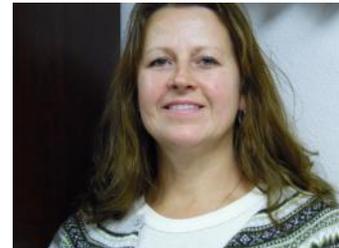
It was been exciting to see more and more women from many eras step forward and be

acknowledged for their service to our country. The number of women in the military is growing and is expected to rise to 25% by the year 2025. Prior to his departure, former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta lifted the ban on women serving in combat, opening avenues of advancement for many brave female soldiers to rise through the ranks of our Armed Forces.

Every day it is a privilege to meet and listen to the stories of

female veterans from all eras.

Remember we are here to assist you with any questions.



ND CARES

WHAT IS ND CARES?

A coalition dedicated to creating an accessible, seamless system of support for veterans, service members, families and survivors in North Dakota.

We are not a provider of services, but rather a coalition dedicated to providing awareness and creating a well recognized brand to help those who need services to find them, hopefully in their own community.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEB. 6th: RED RIBBON EVENT IN GRAND FORKS sponsored by American Heart Assoc and Fargo VA Medical Center. Watch for time and location.

MARCH: Women Veterans/Military Month in ND

APRIL 10: Women Veterans Health Fair in Minot

Women Veterans Meetings are scheduled as follows:

Last Tuesday of each month in Jamestown, last Thursday of each month in Grand Forks, Third Wednesday of each month in Minot.

January 5th: Start of legislative session in ND





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MISSION STATEMENT:

Assist all veterans of North Dakota and their dependents in obtaining all benefits to which they are entitled, both federal and state, either by direct contact or through the assistance of the County and Tribal Veterans Service Officers.

North Dakota
Department of Veterans Affairs



State Benefits Highlight: Veterans Aid Loan

The Veterans Aid Fund is a permanent fund to be used solely for the purpose of making loans to veterans or their widow/widowers.

To qualify, the applicant is required to be a veteran as defined under NDCC 37-14, or an un-remarried widow/widower of eligible veteran; a resident of North Dakota for at least one year, and have the financial ability to pay loan back.