

WOMEN VETERANS TODAY



Women Veterans Health Care



Women Veterans have achieved amazing successes in the military. They've become four star generals, commanded ships, earned medals of honor, and piloted space shuttles. They've served our country with courage, loyalty and pride. After they have taken off their uniforms, they continue to serve as leaders of non-profits, leaders in government, leaders in their community, and leaders in business. Today's women Veterans are shaping the future. VA is committed to providing women Veterans the access to gender-specific care they have earned and deserve.

WHO IS A WOMAN VETERAN?

A woman is a Veteran if she served in the active military, naval or air service and separated under any conditions other than dishonorable. There are more than 2 million women Veterans living in the U.S. today. Women are the fastest growing group in the Veteran population. In 2000, women were only 4% of the Veteran population. By 2040, women will be 18% of the Veteran population. Today's women Veterans are the best-educated and most diverse generation. They are generally younger than male Veterans and will have many opportunities to receive VA care.



WHY DO WOMEN CHOOSE VA?

VA understands women Veterans. VA's approach to care is unique for women Veterans. Women Veterans are assigned one Designated Women's Health Provider to coordinate your care, and provide primary care and gender specific care. A woman Veteran isn't limited to just one hospital or clinic to receive care. She has access to the entire VA health system, which is 144 hospitals, 1,221 outpatient clinics, and over 300 Vet Centers across the US.

WHAT SERVICES DOES VA OFFER?

VA provides comprehensive primary care that includes services for acute and chronic illnesses, preventive services, and gender-specific care, and other services. VA's medical staff are experts in providing medical care and services beyond primary care, including:

- Mammography
- Gynecology
- Military sexual trauma-related care
- Counseling
- Military and environmental exposure

Women Veterans can apply for VA health care enrollment and other Veterans benefits by completing VA Form 10-10EZ. To complete the form:

- Apply online at www.1010ez.med.va.gov
- Visit, call, or write to any VA health care facility or Veterans' benefits office
- Call the VA Health Benefits Call Center toll free at 877-222-VETS (8387)
- Get more information online about VA benefits (www.vba.va.gov) and eligibility (www.va.gov/healtheligibility/)



**1.855.VA.WOMEN
WOMEN VETERANS
CALL CENTER**



Total Veterans

2,051,484 Female 22,000,000 Male

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Median Veterans Age

49.2 yrs Female 64.2 yrs Male

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Age of Women Veterans

20-49 yrs old 50-85+ yrs old
996,734 1,130,257

Success Resulting from Military Service

67.1% Women Vets vs. **54.6%** non-Women Vets
enrolled in higher education (17-34 yrs. old)

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49.5% of Women Vets work in
professional / management positions

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75.6% women Vets hired by
Department of Defense & VA
worked in Executive Branches

VA IS HERE FOR YOU

VA is expanding health care services to meet the growing needs of women Veterans. We know what the most common medical conditions for women Veterans are, and we offer the best treatment for these conditions.

- Muscle and joint pain
- Mental health issues
- Readjustment difficulties
- Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

MyVA RESOURCES

Women Veterans Healthcare:	womenshealth.va.gov
Explore VA:	explore.va.gov
VA Vets:	vets.gov
eBenefits:	ebenefits.va.gov
Claims Status:	ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/status
MST Info:	mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome.asp
Locate the nearest VA facility:	www.va.gov/directory

— ★ *She served, she deserves the best care anywhere* ★ —

Women Veterans Call Center: 855-VA-WOMEN

Center for Homeless Vets: 877-424-3838

Veteran Crisis Hotline: 800-273-8255, press 1

Caregiver Support Line: 855-260-3274



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