



WOMEN VETERANS



WOUNDED WARRIOR
PROJECT®

Today, women are one of the fastest growing demographics in the veteran community, but they face unique challenges when transitioning from military to civilian status. Women veterans deserve equal access to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and health care that addresses their specific needs.

TO BETTER PROVIDE FOR WOMEN VETERANS, WWP URGES CONGRESS TO :

- Increase access to childcare and hours of operation at VA facilities.
- Improve programs and services to support women during transition
- Ensure quality care for women experiencing MST.

An Expanding Population

More than 2 million women veterans have served our country. And while **18% of wounded warriors are female**, all women veterans are affected by gaps in care and services.

The VA reports that 1 in 4 women who visit their facilities have experienced MST.

**VA MST Fact Sheet, May 2015*

Women veterans are also 2 times more likely to die by suicide than non-veteran women.

**VA Suicide Among Women Veterans Fact Sheet, April 2019*

WWP EFFORTS TO SUPPORT WOMEN VETERANS

- WWP works to connect women veterans through our Alumni program. Our team has facilitated over 50 female-only events in 2019, encouraging women to bond, share, collaborate and support one another even after their service has ended.
- WWP's Peer Support Groups, hosted by local warriors, organize meetings across the country, connecting our Alumnae with a community of warriors right in their backyard. Over 14,000 women warriors have served through our peer-connection programs.
- In 2019 alone, WWP will have served over 375 women through Project Odyssey, a 12-week program designed to challenge and inspire warriors in their mental health journey.