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Service Women's Action Network

September 16, 2011



Dear Friends of SWAN,

We are extremely excited to gather with veterans, family members and allies next week to celebrate the historic repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell!

DADT was a policy that harshly impacted service women -- while women make up only 15% of total service members, in recent years they made up well over one-third of total DADT discharges. Women of color were hit particularly hard.

We invite you to celebrate with SWAN at the RF Lounge in New York City on Tuesday, September 20th, between 6 and 9 PM. [Click here](#) for details!

As we celebrate this victory, we also remember and honor the tens of thousands of LGBT troops and veterans who have sacrificed for our nation.

Our work to end sexual violence and gender and sex discrimination in the military is far from over. To learn about SWAN's next steps to secure equality for LGBT troops and veterans, read our new Post-Repeal Fact Sheet [here](#).

With many thanks for all that you do for our military community,

Anu Bhagwati
Former Marine Corps Captain
Executive Director, Service Women's Action Network

Photo: SWAN National Peer Support Helpline Caseworker and veteran Rebekah Havrilla, SWAN board member and veteran Kalima Desuze, SWAN Executive Director and veteran Anu Bhagwati, and SWAN board member and veteran Tanya Domi marching for LGBT service members and veterans at the 2011 NYC Pride Parade.



After Repeal Fact Sheet

Read SWAN's new publication: ["After Repeal: LGBT Service Members and Veterans"](#)

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL REPEAL PARTY

Celebrate the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" with Service Women's Action Network

Tuesday, September 20th
8-9pm
RF Lounge
511 Hudson Street
New York City at 100th St.

Gather with servicemembers, veterans and allies to celebrate this amazing accomplishment and to learn about next steps to guarantee safety and equality for LGBT servicemembers and veterans.

55 MARGARITAS ALL NIGHT - KARAOKE AT 7:30PM

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FOR ALL SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS

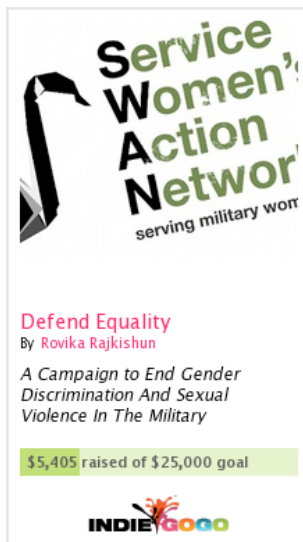
Celebrate the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in New York City with Service Women's Action Network at [RF Lounge!](#) Gather with service members, veterans and allies to celebrate this amazing accomplishment and to learn about next steps to guarantee safety and equality for LGBT service members and veterans.

RF Lounge will be offering \$5 Margaritas all night and

Donate Now

Defend Equality: A Campaign to End Gender Discrimination and Sexual Violence in the Military

"Defend Equality" and help SWAN end gender discrimination and sexual violence in the military! A generous donor has offered to match your gifts dollar for dollar up to \$25,000, thereby doubling your donation and doubling its impact on the work we do! [Donate now](#) to double your gift and help us reach our goal!



Karaoke begins at 7:30pm!

[Click here to RSVP today!](#)

About Us

SWAN is a human rights organization founded and led by women veterans. SWAN's vision is to transform military culture by securing equal opportunity and the freedom to serve in uniform without threat of harassment, discrimination, intimidation or assault. SWAN also seeks to reform veterans' services on a national scale to guarantee equal access to quality health care, benefits and resources for women veterans and their families. You can find the Service Women's Action Network on our [homepage](#), on [Twitter](#) or on [Facebook](#).

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