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Service Women's Action Network

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Dear Friends of SWAN,



I am writing to share some exciting news! The iconic Gloria Steinem has joined [SWAN's Campaign to "Defend Equality"](#). Ms. Steinem is a member of SWAN's Advisory Board and a long-time supporter of our work. Our "Defend Equality" matching campaign gives SWAN an opportunity to double your donations, up to \$25,000.

With your support, SWAN'S policy team will build on the successes experienced this year. In what has been described as one of the most contentious sessions of Congress in history, SWAN has generated interest, increased awareness, and helped introduce bi-partisan and bi-cameral legislation that moved advocacy issues to the fore and resulted in constructive reforms of both the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs. Additionally, SWAN will continue its campaign to educate the public about the discriminatory issues that affect service members and provide direct services to wounded veterans, service members and their families. SWAN will also pursue litigation to advance the rights of sexual violence survivors in accessing judicial redress and veterans' benefits.

As the demands and complexity of our work increase, SWAN urgently needs to grow its staff to continue to work toward making meaningful progress in the lives of women in the armed services. SWAN is ready to lead these opportunities to improve the lives and experiences of military women and veterans, but we need **YOUR** help. New staff positions that SWAN is looking to add include a Legal Director, a Paralegal, a Press Secretary/Public Affairs Officer, a Senior Legislative Associate and a Senior Research Associate.

Can you spare just \$10 or \$25 to support our campaign? Your support will

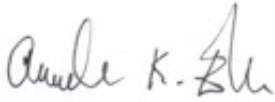
Gloria Steinem

Ms. Steinem is a writer, lecturer, editor, and feminist activist. She travels in this and other countries as an organizer and lecturer and is a frequent media spokeswoman on issues of equality. She is particularly interested in the shared origins of sex and race caste systems, gender roles and child abuse as roots of violence, non-violent conflict resolution, the cultures of indigenous peoples, and organizing across boundaries for peace and justice. In 1972, she co-founded Ms. magazine, and remained one of its editors for fifteen years. She continues to serve as a consulting editor for Ms., and was instrumental in the magazine's recent move to join and be published by the Feminist Majority Foundation. In 1968, she had helped to found New York magazine, where she was a political columnist and wrote feature articles. As a freelance writer, she was published in Esquire, The New York Times Magazine, and women's magazine as well as for publications in other countries. She has produced a documentary on child abuse for HBO, a feature film about the death penalty for

go a long way in helping us fight for equality in the U.S. military. With just 30 days to go, we need to raise \$20,650 to reach our goal. We hope you will join Ms. Steinem and lend your support. To learn more about SWAN's Matching Campaign, visit <http://www.indiegogo.com/Defend-Equality> --and make a donation today.

Wishing you and your families a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

In service,



Anu Bhagwati
Executive Director, Service Women's Action Network

P.S. Celebrate the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in New York City on September 20th, 2011 with Service Women's Action Network! We will begin at 6:00 pm at the [Rf Lounge](#) at 531 Hudson Street. 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. RSVP and share with your friends on our Facebook page [here](#).

Donate

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!




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serving military women

Defend Equality
By *Rovika Rajkishun*

A Campaign to End Gender Discrimination And Sexual Violence In The Military

\$4,350 raised of \$25,000 goal



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](#).

Lifetime, and been the subject of profiles on Lifetime and Showtime. Her books include the bestsellers *Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem*, *Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions*, *Moving Beyond Words*, and *Marilyn: Norma Jean*, on the life of Marilyn Monroe. Her writing also appears in many anthologies and textbooks, and she was an editor of Houghton Mifflin's *The Reader's Companion to U.S. Women's History*.

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