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Service Women's Action Network

September 26, 2011



Dear Friends,

SWAN exists to ensure that service women will, one day soon, not be subjected to job discrimination under the Combat Exclusion Policy, or harmed by sexual violence, physical violence, or harassment of any kind while serving.

Almost all of the calls we receive on our National Peer Support Helpline are from service members and veterans needing help with gender-based discrimination or violence. About half of our calls require that SWAN involve an attorney. Many of these calls require real-time help and legal intervention.

SWAN has depended on volunteers in the legal community to assist our clients- but now the demand for our help is so great that we need to hire an in-house Legal Director. While we are receiving some funding from our foundation partners, we need YOUR help to make this happen now.

Our Defend Equality Campaign reached the \$6,000 mark today and we have 5 days to go to raise \$19,000. **Can you help SWAN raise these funds to staff**

our helpline, so that service members can get the legal expertise they need at the critical moments that may help save their lives?

Every dollar you give to SWAN through September 30th will be matched by a generous donor! Please donate now by clicking [here](#).

Service members sacrifice their comforts, privileges and many of their rights when they serve. Please help us hire a Legal Director to make sure that their safety, welfare and dignity are not taken for granted as they continue to serve us and our nation.

Semper Fi,



SWAN's National Peer Support Helpline

Benefits of the Helpline

No one should have to struggle alone - use the Helpline as a source of support.

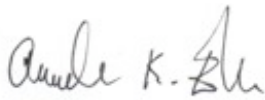
Get connected to free legal, mental health, or other supportive services.

Join a growing community of service women and women veterans who share your experience.

Get more information about how SWAN is addressing the challenges facing service women and women veterans - and how you can be a part of these initiatives.

Contact the Helpline by calling 1-888-729-2089 or emailing peersupport@servicewomen.org.

Hours: Monday-Friday
10 am - 6pm EST



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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!



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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