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Service Women's Action Network

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Dear Friends of SWAN,

I hope this note finds you enjoying the beginnings of summer, wherever you may be!



In the last three years, SWAN has rapidly grown. New veterans, servicemembers and military supporters are discovering our work each day, and we are excited to develop new relationships and explore better ways of serving our client population. As we continue to serve some of the most underserved veterans and servicemembers, misconceptions in our own military and veterans community remain a challenge in our ability to help all. So we thought it might help to remind you about who we are and what we're committed to doing at SWAN.

Founded by women veterans, SWAN is a pro-military, non-partisan advocacy organization that is dedicated to equality for military women. It is our vision 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.

We have strong points of view on defending those who have served our nation. We are unapologetic in making sure they are treated not only with dignity and respect, but that if they suffered while they were serving, that they get the services they need to make their lives whole again, and that they get access to justice for whatever wrongs or crimes that may have been committed against them.

At SWAN, we do not discriminate among the population affected by the issues we deal with. We don't care if you are a woman or a man, if you are gay, straight, bisexual or transgender, if you served years or decades ago, if you just came back from Afghanistan last week or you never saw combat, if you are a family member or civilian, if you are Christian, Buddhist, atheist, or anything else - if you need help, SWAN is dedicated to working with you to get you the help you need.

And so today, I am proud to announce the re-launching of SWAN's **National Peer Support Helpline**.

SWAN National Peer Support Helpline

We are ready to listen!

The Helpline is staffed between 10am and 6pm Monday through Friday.

Contact us via phone at:

1-888-729-2089

or via e-mail at:

peersupport@servicewomen.org

No one should have to struggle alone.

Read more about SWAN's Peer Support work [here](#).

Staffed Mon-Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM EST, SWAN's free helpline is run by **women veteran caseworkers** who can assist you with your needs. Entering its third successful year, our helpline staff have connected clients with a variety of legal, counseling, and social services that have helped them get their lives back on track. SWAN's caseworkers have assisted veterans and servicemembers (both women and men), family members and civilians dealing with military-related issues that include sexual assault, harassment and discrimination, domestic violence, deployment issues, housing issues and the VA system.

If you know someone who is struggling, please feel free to refer them to our helpline at any time and we will do our best to help them, wherever they are. And if you have any questions about our work, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Semper Fi,



Anu Bhagwati
Executive Director

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SWAN is a 501(c)3 organization that urgently needs your financial support. Your tax deductible donation will help SWAN ensure equality, fairness, and justice for women in the military and dramatically improve resources for women veterans.



About Us

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