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Service Women's Action Network

August 26, 2011



Dear Friends,

This fall, SWAN is taking a deeper look into sexual trauma cases at the Military Academies. As you may know from our publication earlier this year, "[Military Academies: Rape, Sexual Assault, and Sexual Harassment.](#)" fewer than 10% of sexual assault survivors at Military Academies report their incidents.



We are interested in speaking with women and men who currently attend or have attended any Military Academy (including the Coast Guard Academy) and who were subjected to sexual harassment, assault, and/or rape, or witnessed these acts committed upon others. If you have a story and are willing to share it with us, please contact us at peersupport@servicewomen.org with responses to the questions below. Confidentiality is assured.

1. What Academy do/did you attend, and for what years?
2. Did you witness any abuse against others?
 - a. If yes, do you remember who the perpetrator and the victim were?
 - b. Do you remember any details that you would be willing to share?
3. Were you the victim of sexual harassment, assault or rape while at the Academy?
 - a. If yes, please share any details that you are comfortable revealing about your experience, including dates and/or locations of incidents.
 - b. Did you report your incident? If yes, please tell us what the outcome was, if any.
4. Do you feel that any harassment or assault was a result of your sexual orientation or gender identity?
5. Are you interested in participating in any potential litigation that would seek

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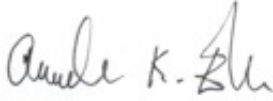
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redress for your injuries either anonymously or as a named participant?

We would appreciate that any communication about the details of your particular incident(s) not be discussed over social media.

Please remember that everything you share will be kept confidential. If you or your loved ones need any direct support, please don't hesitate to [call our helpline at 1-888-729-2089](tel:1-888-729-2089).

As always, thank you for your courage and support,



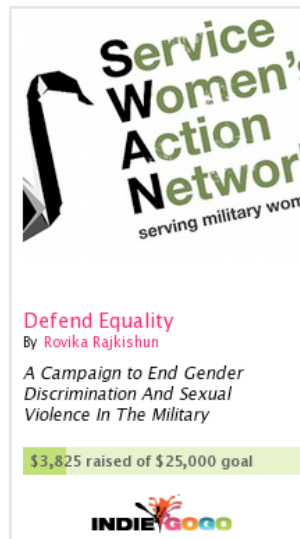
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By Rovika Rajkishun
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SWAN is a human rights organization founded and led by women veterans. SWAN's vision is to transform military culture by securing equal opportunity and the freedom to serve in 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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