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Service Women's Action Network

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Dear Friends of SWAN,

Those who believe women should not be on the frontlines because they don't have the chutzpah, skills, strength or stamina to fight not only haven't been reading the news about Iraq and Afghanistan these days, they also don't know US history. Women have always fought for our country - even on the frontlines.

Margaret Corbin was one of those women. On November 16, 1776, Fort Mifflin, right here in Philadelphia, was attacked by Hessian and British troops. Margaret's husband, John Corbin, was killed while manning a cannon. Without hesitation, Margaret continued loading and firing the cannon until she was seriously wounded, taking enemy fire to her jaw, chest and arm. The British took her prisoner, but spared her life.

To honor her courageous service during the American Revolution, Margaret later was inducted into the Continental Army. She also became the first woman to receive a pension for her disabilities (one-half of a soldier's pay!)

Now if that isn't an inspiring story, I don't know what is.

It's fascinating that our nascent country was willing to honor a woman for her battlefield prowess two hundred and twenty-some odd years ago with accolades and government benefits, but that today, ideologues are preventing women from doing the same thing.

SWAN received a number of crisis calls from active duty women on our National Peer Support Helpline this week, including several stationed overseas. We honor their bravery and are thinking of them and their families on this holiday weekend.

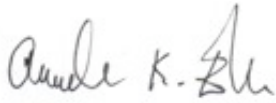


Margaret Corbin

Read more about Margaret Corbin and the history of women in the military at the [U.S. Army Women's Museum](#) homepage.

U.S. Representative Loretta Sanchez has introduced legislation, [H.R. 1928](#), that would lift the current combat exclusion policy for women.

Wishing you a safe and happy 4th of July,



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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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