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Dear Friends,

Just a few hours ago, I witnessed the President of the United States sign the bill to end Don't Ask, Don't Tell. It was an intensely moving experience, and as I stood among our allies in this movement, remembering all of the veterans who sacrificed under this policy and the civil rights pioneers who fought to change it, I realized there are many, many others who made this historic event possible: You, the SWAN supporter.

Service Women's Action Network enters the New Year with hope and vigor. Despite limited resources, SWAN has worked tirelessly to become the leading voice of accountability against sexual assault, harassment, and gender discrimination in the military. Last week, we sued the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs to demand they release documents accounting for rampant sexual harassment and assault of American troops and veterans. And in 2011, our work continues in earnest as we support Burke PLLC's class action lawsuit against the Department of Defense for failing to protect our troops from Military Sexual Trauma. Going forward, we will need to rally civil society like never before, and hold government accountable for the crimes committed against our servicemembers.

Please consider being part of this historic fight, by helping SWAN when we need you most.

This holiday week, SWAN is launching our **Freedom to Serve Without Harm Fund**. An anonymous donor has given SWAN a matching grant in the amount of \$25,000. ***Any donation you make over \$100 through March 1st will be matched dollar for dollar.***

Will you help us this holiday as we continue to serve our nation's unprotected warriors? Click on the DONATE NOW button below and make a direct contribution to SWAN.

Here is what your gift has the power to do:

A donation of \$50 will enable our helpline caseworker to serve two servicewomen or veterans who need urgent peer support, counseling, or legal assistance.

A donation of \$100 will provide homeless women veterans in NYC with a two-hour therapeutic writing class.

A donation of \$500 will enable our Policy Team to meet with key stakeholders in Washington DC on issues like how to end sexual assault.

A donation of \$5,000 or more will enable a part-time staff member to work full-time so that SWAN can continue to be a leading national advocate on all topics of concern to military women.

Of course, SWAN is always grateful for any amount of support. In these tough economic times, we know the choice to donate is a difficult one, and we thank you for choosing SWAN.

May your holidays be joyful, and may our servicemembers, veterans, and their families be blessed with peace.

Semper Fi,

Anu Bhagwati
Executive Director
Service Women's Action Network

DONATE NOW



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.

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 [The Web](#), on [Twitter](#), or on [Facebook](#).

