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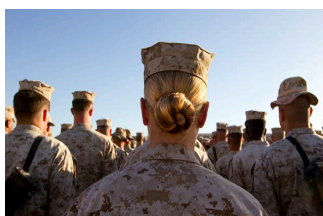


## Service Women's Action Network

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Dear Friends of SWAN,



SWAN was flooded with responses to our call for stories related to unfair Personality Disorder diagnoses and Sexual Assault. As many of you know firsthand, survivors of [military sexual violence](#) often face multiple forms of

retaliation after reporting their attacks, including improper mental health diagnoses that force them out of the military. Service members who are diagnosed with Personality Disorders not only face the certainty of being kicked out of the military, but also the denial of critical veterans benefits.

We are incredibly grateful to those of you who have courageously shared your personal experiences. We want you to know that SWAN is creating a publication on Military Sexual Assault and Personality Disorders, which we will distribute to the highest levels of government this fall. We are also not ruling out the potential for litigation on this matter.

Unfortunately, the lack of Congressional and DoD attention to Personality Disorder diagnoses and discharges is all too familiar to many generations of veterans. We are proud to be cooperating with organizations like Vietnam Veterans of America, who know intimately about the effects of improper Personality Disorder diagnoses on combat veterans. Together, we can make a powerful case for systemic reform on this issue.

"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!

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