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SERVICE WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK HEADS TO SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL FOR DEBUT OF *THE INVISIBLE WAR*

SWAN Executive Director Anu Bhagwati available for comment at the debut of a groundbreaking documentary on rape in the military

Park City, UT –Service Women's Action Network (SWAN) staff arrived in Park City, UT today for the premiere of *The Invisible War*, a film directed by Kirby Dick. The film exposes a rape epidemic in the armed forces, investigating the institutions that perpetuate it as well as its profound personal and social consequences.

The film features SWAN and its work to transform military culture and advocate for justice for survivors of sexual assault in the military. Anu Bhagwati, Executive Director of the Service Women's Action Network and a former Marine Corps Captain, is available for comment and interview throughout the Festival.

Ms. Bhagwati founded SWAN with other women veterans in 2007. Under her leadership, the organization has been pivotal in advocacy and legislative efforts to end military rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and domestic violence, and to eliminate all barriers to equal opportunity for service women. Anu has spoken before Congress, The White House, the U.N. and a host of media outlets including The Washington Post, The New York Times, NPR, Piers Morgan Tonight, the CNN Situation Room, MSNBC and NBC Nightly News.

Screening information is available [here](#). SWAN's factsheet on rape, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the military is available [here](#).

SWAN is a national 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 follow Service Women's Action Network on Twitter

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