



Media Advisory
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Ohio Women Veterans Panel to be Held Friday

COLUMBUS – Women veterans of five different wartime eras will recount their experiences in a panel discussion Friday morning sponsored by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. The event will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ohio Statehouse Museum Crypt.

Each of the panelists will address their personal experiences and how these affected their service careers and later lives. The panelists served during the years of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and the Iraq War. Three of them served in combat.

Women have served in every military conflict beginning with the American Revolutionary War to the current wars. Right now, over 214,000 women serve on active duty, comprising 14.6 percent of today's military. They serve in all branches of the military, and are often under fire. Women have been injured and killed in battle, as well as decorated for heroic actions.

Friday's panel discussion is being held as part of Women's History Month at the Statehouse, in partnership with the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board. The event recognizes the contributions of the more than 1.85 million women veterans nationwide, including over 61,000 in Ohio.

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