



2019 WOMEN VETERANS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

#RECOGNIZEHER

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WASHINGTON, D.C.



WOMEN VETERANS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT OVERVIEW

The Women Veterans Leadership Summit (WVLS) is part of an ongoing national conversation for women veterans, empowering and equipping these women to lead a movement that inspires community change efforts and advancement towards equality. Each year, WVLS brings together the voices and insights of a diverse range of female luminaries from the worlds of business, philanthropy, entertainment and politics. Our speakers and presenters represent a wide range of backgrounds and experience, are both veterans and non-veterans, and are all committed to growing this network of women leaders. Over three days in March, 65 women veterans selected from across the country will take part in keynote conversations, panel discussions, one-on-one connections, and a service project that is for, by, and all about women!

Our Goal:

Identify, develop and foster a cadre of women veterans who are empowered and equipped to lead a movement inspiring community change efforts.

What You'll Experience:

Women will walk away from this weekend with a vastly expanded network, an abundance of resources, and a new outlook on overcoming professional roadblocks from lessons shared by our inspiring speakers.

Women entered the new year ready for action. For many, 2018 was the year for making their voice heard and their presence recognized.

Women around the world took action and grabbed the public's attention as they made history in politics, shared deeply personal and painful stories, marched for justice, and broke records within the military. In all cases, women veterans were at the forefront.

Today, women make up more than 16% of the post-9/11 veteran population—the highest percentage in American history! Throughout their military service, these women broke new ground, overcoming gender barriers in leadership and taking on roles that are integral to our nation's defense. Despite women's advancement with representation in the military, they're in an evolving battle for recognition after their military service.

Women are often under-recognized for leadership attainment and misrepresented as being either "not enough" or "too much"—too strong, too beautiful, too ambitious, too caring, too outspoken. This dichotomy contributes to disparity between women's contributions to society and those of their male counterparts.

There remains work to be done to truly shatter the "glass ceiling" that women have been striving to break for decades. Even in a country as wealthy and developed as the US, women still experience major inequality in the workforce. By some estimates, women earn only \$0.77 for every \$1 earned by men. Globally, the gender gap is even wider: women earn only one tenth of the world's income despite working two thirds of the total work hours. And it's even more bleak for women of color—who hold less than 3% of the Fortune 500 board seats.

Through this campaign **#RecognizeHer**, we want women to lead the conversation around who "Her" is and increase awareness and visibility around the roles and impact women have as leaders and influencers within our world—community, economy, military, politics, and more.

"As a working mom, this wasn't only a break from the 'real world' but time to gather my thoughts and re-ignite myself. I benefitted so much from the Women Veterans Leadership Summit; relaxing, not checking emails, learning, growing and having fun with other great impactful woman. It wasn't a vacation but it was still a breath of fresh air. I was able to get up, run, drink coffee, talk to God and then learn something!"

— T'LIZA KIEL, US ARMY VETERAN

"I really enjoyed the assertive communication and the mindfulness training. I liked to know that there are some women who care very much about the culture of our military, and are working on it. Plus, the networking time was great. If you get the chance to attend this event DO IT. It will be like nothing you've experienced, and it will energize and provide for you like nothing has before. Go to remind yourself of the BADASS you are!"

— ROSE FEROAH, US MARINE CORPS VETERAN

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 1, 2019!

WE INVITE WOMEN VETERANS, GUARDSMEN AND RESERVISTS FROM ALL BRANCHES AND GENERATIONS OF SERVICE TO APPLY.

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