



I am a woman.  
I served in the military.  
I am a **veteran**.

# Who are we?!

## Women Veterans

### and this is *our* Health Care System *too*



#### Women Veteran Strong

As a woman Veteran, you're part of the fastest-growing group within our Veteran population. Of the total population of about 2.03 million women veterans, 755,807 were enrolled in the VA health care system in FY2019. Demand for gender-specific will continue to grow, as the proportion of women veterans to the total veteran population is projected to increase by 0.6% annually through 2045.



#### Transitioning to VA Care: Women's Health Transitioning Training (WHTT) Program

- process of becoming a service-connected veteran,
- differences in the delivery of health care services between VA and DOD medical facilities,
- various types of women's health care services that can be accessed through the VA, and
- available support for other concerns, such as homelessness.

#### A few laws that recognize Women Veterans' rights



**Women Veterans Health Program Act of 1992** (Title 1 of P.L. 102-585, as amended), to specifically increase women veterans' access to gender-specific health care services through the VHA.

**Title III of the Veterans COMPACT Act of 2020** (P.L. 116-214) required VA to report locations where women veterans use health care, among other things.



#### Access to Health Care Services

VHA operates more than 1,700 VA medical facilities where veterans can access gender-specific health care services. Veterans can also access these services from contracted providers in their communities and from DOD providers at DOD medical facilities.  
(Veterans can access certain gender-specific services such as infertility treatments only from non-VA providers.)

#### Examples of Gender- Specific Health Care Services



**General Healthcare and wellness:**

*ex. Primary Health Care Services*

**Women-specific care for reproductive health:**

*ex. Maternity Health Care Services/*

*Newborn Health Care Services*

**Mental health services:**

*ex. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Services,*

*Military Sexual Trauma (MST) Service*

#### VA Resources for Women Veterans



**WOMEN VETERANS CALL CENTER**

855-VA-WOMEN

**VETERAN CRISIS HOTLINE**

800-273-8255, PRESS 1

**Women Veterans Health Care**

[www.womenshealth.va.gov](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov) | **#WomenVets**

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