

# WOMEN VETERANS

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Today, women constitute almost 15% of active-duty forces. There are more than 2 million women who have served, comprising 8% of all veterans. Women have served in every war that the United States has fought. California has 167,086 Women Veterans, ranking #1 in the nation.

<u>WAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF WOMEN IN COMBAT ZONES</u>
World War I	3,000
World War II	500,000
Korean	120,000
Vietnam	10,000
Desert Storm	40,000 (7% of U.S. Forces deployed)
Somalia	1,000
Haiti	1,200
Bosnia	5,000
Grenada	200
Panama	200
Iraq, Afghanistan, & the Middle East	160,500

## **THE GOALS OF THIS PROGRAM INCLUDE:**

1. Recruiting and retaining Women Veterans within the VFW; utilize women VFW members in your recruitments.
2. Supporting Women Veterans in the VFW and in the community.
3. Educating individuals about the service of Women Veterans in the United States Military.
4. Fostering true acceptance of Women Veterans.
5. Increasing integration of Women Veterans into the VFW. Where possible, assist women veterans in attending Department level functions, i.e., Mid-Winter Conferences, Conventions and local events benefitting women veterans.
6. Provide mentorship to women seeking leadership positions.

## **HOW TO REPORT**

**Important!** – To qualify for awards a Post must submit an online report. Awards will be presented for efforts in recruiting and support.

## **AWARDS**

Awards will be presented at the State Convention as follows unless otherwise noted elsewhere in this guide:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Post & District) will be awarded a plaque, based on Chairman Recommendation.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Post & District) will be awarded a certificate.