



**IMPACTING AND EMPOWERING THE LIVES OF WOMEN VETERANS**

Our MISSION is to create a community for women veterans through networking groups, community events, and conferences worldwide to provide opportunities to connect, grow, and thrive. We contribute to the overall well-being of women veterans through building a supportive community and providing resources and education.



Melissa Washington, a Navy Veteran, is the President and Founder of the Women Veterans Alliance (WVA), the premiere network focused on directly impacting the quality of life for women veterans. The WVA was created when Melissa saw a need to bring women veterans together to equip, empower, and encourage each other.



The Women Veterans Alliance, founded and led by Melissa A. Washington, a service-disabled woman veteran, has become a pivotal organization in the veteran community. As the CEO and Founder, Washington oversees an organization that encompasses the Women Veterans Alliance, Women Veterans Giving, Veteran.Events, and co-publishes Women Veterans Magazine. Her involvement and commitment to this cause are deeply personal and professional, driven by a recognition of the unique challenges and opportunities faced by women veterans, active duty, and Guard members.

The Women Veterans Alliance began as a simple monthly meet-up in the Sacramento area. From these modest beginnings, it has grown into a nationwide force, impacting thousands of women veterans economically, socially, and mentally. Washington started this group to offer women who have served in the military an opportunity to network in a professional setting, addressing the need for recognition and dedicated support for women veterans.

The organization's mission is clear and ambitious: to create a community for women veterans through networking groups, community events, and conferences worldwide. The aim is to provide opportunities for these women to connect, grow, and thrive. The vision is to connect over two million women veterans globally, equipping, empowering, and encouraging them with knowledge, mentorship, and career opportunities to achieve their greatest potential.

Looking ahead to 2024, the Women Veterans Alliance has set significant milestones. Key among them is the April 27th Women Veterans Engage Conference, slated to be hosted at 13 locations across the United States.



Furthermore, the organization is launching the Women Veterans Pennsylvania Magazine, with hopes of expanding to more states. The magazine is currently in other states to include California and Texas.

These efforts underscore a continued commitment to raising awareness and fostering connections among women veterans through various platforms, including speaking engagements and social media.

Melissa A. Washington's message to other organizations and the community at large is encapsulated in the powerful words of Wayne Gretzky: "You miss 100% of the shots you never take." This quote reflects the ethos of the Women Veterans Alliance – a call to action and a reminder of the power of initiative and community.

The organization is not just a network; it's a movement toward acknowledging and empowering a sometimes overlooked segment of the veteran community. Through their work, they hope to leave a legacy of support, growth, and recognition for women who have served their country with honor and distinction.