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Good morning

This March, the White House Office of Public Engagement will host a Champions of Change event for women Veteran industry leaders, to highlight their incredible contributions to our nation's business, public and community service sectors.

Women serve in every branch of the military, representing 14.5 percent of today's active duty military and nearly 18 percent of National Guard and Reserve forces. By 2020, the Department of Veterans Affairs estimates women Veterans will constitute more than 12 percent of the Veteran population.

Officially, women were permitted to service in the military in 1901. Their service introduced America to a new era of military service and subsequently, women Veterans. For generations now, women Veterans have been honorably serving in the military, and we know their service and success continue when they take off the uniform.

As the nation celebrates Women's History Month, it is important to salute women Veterans for their accomplishments and contributions to society. They have broken barriers and capitalized on the many leadership opportunities afforded by military service. We know that women Veterans are models of character, courage and commitment who continue to blaze trails and open doors.

We are asking for your help to identify women Veterans who may be "Champions of Change."

For example, a champion may be a woman Veteran who is:

- Serving as subject matter expert within her industry
- Actively mentoring to enable others' success
- A successful entrepreneur and/or businesswoman
- Leading a program to improve the well-being of fellow Veterans
- A leader in government
- Demonstrating success with public/private partnering

Click on the link below to submit your nomination **by midnight on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/02/24/champions-change-women-veteran-leaders>

