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Celebrating Alaskan Women Veterans

Events to be held around Alaska focus on over 8,200 Alaskan Women Veterans

CAMP DENALI, Alaska — Women veterans throughout Alaska will have the chance to learn about their benefits during a women veterans' health informational program held Nov 7-10 in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Kenai and Wasilla.

Today, women serving their country are called upon to do things in combat that were unheard of a short time ago, and it's the goal of the informational program to educate those women about the benefits they're entitled.

"It's important we pay special tribute to more than 8,200 of the almost 1.83 million U.S. women veterans who call Alaska home today," said Brig. Gen. Deborah McManus, Alaska Women Veterans coordinator for the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs and commander of the Alaska Air National Guard. "Today, the women of Alaska continue to serve in every branch of the armed forces, including more than 750 in the Alaska National Guard, with unwavering pride, exemplary dignity and many outstanding accomplishments. It's important we recognize the unique mental and physical health care needs of women, particularly those who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Each program will feature, *Lioness*, a documentary about four female Soldiers attached to all-male combat units in the Army and the Marines as part of the *Lioness* program. Shannon Morgan, the leading character, will be coming to Alaska to speak to women veterans about available benefits along with McManus.

Here are the dates, locations and times of each event:

- **7 November** – 168th Ops Theater, Eielson Air Force Base, AK, 9 a.m.
- **7 November** – Army National Guard Armory, 202 Wein St., Fairbanks, AK, 1 p.m.
- **8 November** – Kincaid Elementary, Anchorage, AK, 1 p.m.
- **9 November** – Kenai VFW Post 10046, Kenai, AK, 10 a.m.
- **10 November** – National Guard Armory, Ft Richardson, AK, Room B-201, 9 a.m.
- **10 November** – Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, AK, 6:30 p.m.

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Press Advisory: If you would like to attend one of the events please contact Maj. Guy Hayes in the Alaska National Guard Public Affairs Office at 428-6030.