

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 18-18**  
**SUBJECT: WOMEN VETERANS' HEALTH CARE**  
**SOURCE: WOMEN VETERANS COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, women are a rapidly growing and important component of the U.S. military services, yet their contributions have often been under-recognized. Women currently comprise 20 percent of new recruits, 14.5 percent of active duty forces and 18 percent of the reserve components. While the number of male veterans is expected to decline by 2020, the opposite is true of women veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, women veterans have been shown to have unique and complex health needs with a higher rate of co-morbid physical and mental health conditions than their male counterparts; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability and quality of health care for women veterans varies widely across the VA healthcare system causing an inequity in both quality and services. Less than 30 percent of VA facilities can provide women veterans onsite gender specific healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, most male veterans can receive the full spectrum of primary and preventative care services in one visit, most female veterans must schedule multiple visits to receive the same gender-specific care; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that AMVETS urges DoD and VA to enhance their programs to ensure that women veterans receive high-quality, comprehensive primary and mental healthcare services in a safe and sensitive environment at every VA health-care facility; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that AMVETS urges DoD and VA to redesign and implement an appropriate health-care delivery model for women veterans and establish an integrated system of healthcare delivery that provides a comprehensive continuum of care; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the DoD and VA need to ensure that every woman servicemember and/or veteran gains and keeps access to a qualified primary care physician who can provide gender-specific care for all basic physical and mental healthcare conditions prevalent in women.

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