



WOMEN VETERANS NETWORK

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Celia Szelwach currently serves as senior consultant and program manager for women's health initiatives with a leading research and consulting firm. Ms. Szelwach provides project management and technical leadership of women's health projects focused on rural veterans and advises on special projects and internal company initiatives. In 2006, Ms. Szelwach was appointed by the Secretary of the VA to the 14-member VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans for a three-year term. She is currently serving on the Bay Pines Women Veterans Health Committee in St. Petersburg, FL. Since 2007, she has served as founder and director of the Women Veterans Network (WOVEN), a global online community committed to helping women veterans successfully transition from military service.

Ms. Szelwach has held a variety of management as well as internal and external consulting positions over the past 19 years. In these roles, she has led large-scale change initiatives, business partnerships, client and community relations, and organizational communications to deliver breakthrough results in industries such as Fortune 100 defense, Fortune 100 food and beverage, durable manufacturing, pharmaceutical, healthcare, professional services, federal government, education, and non-profit. As an officer and senior-rated parachutist in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps at Fort Bragg, NC, she coordinated logistics requirements for the 18th Airborne Corps Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during Desert Storm and managed logistical operations for two humanitarian service deployments in support of Hurricane Andrew disaster relief in Homestead, Florida and Haitian relief in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Her awards include: *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* Women in Business Winner, *Latin Times Magazine's* Tampa Bay Latina Movers & Shakers, *Gulf Coast Business Review's* 40 Under 40, *Sarasota-Manatee Business Magazine's* Top 25 People to Watch, the President's Merit Award from Girl Scouts Gulf Coast of Florida, and the Outstanding Performance and Learning Award from the American Society for Training and Development.

Ms. Szelwach is a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP) and teaches ethics, leadership, organizational behavior, and managing change for several universities. She holds a B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point, an MBA in International Trade from the University of Sarasota, and is currently a doctoral candidate in business management with Argosy University. Her research interests include women's health, ethics, leadership and culture change, emotional intelligence, and cultural competence/disparities in healthcare.

WOVEN is a community of women veterans spanning all ages, services, ranks, experiences, and geographies woven together by a common desire to: *Connect* for social support and camaraderie; *Share* information and resources; and *Serve* our fellow veterans and local communities.