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Women Veterans Network Launches WOVEN™ Logo and Website

(Bradenton, FL) Celia Szelwach, Founder of the Women Veterans Network announced the launch of the new network logo WOVEN™ and website www.womenveteransnetwork.org on Sunday, November 11th during her presentation as the guest speaker for the Manatee County Veteran's Council Veteran's Day Service at Sutton Park in Palmetto, FL. Celia stated that the mission of WOVEN is to connect women veterans for social support and camaraderie, to share information and resources, and to serve other veterans and local communities.

The website www.womenveteransnetwork.org includes a handout of the 25 Frequently Asked Questions by women veterans, a listing of veteran's events, helpful fact sheets and a comprehensive resources page which highlights contacts for VA health and benefits, historical research and statistics on women veterans, career transition and employment, and veteran small business.

The Women Veterans Network has grown to 60 members with new members joining monthly. Network members include several women veterans with more than 20 years of service in the Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard as well as pioneers such as the first female Command Master Chief in the Coast Guard. The network stays connected through monthly meetings at the Women's Resource Center (WRC) of Manatee County and via an email newsletter which highlights community events for women and veterans. Celia Szelwach, a 1990 West Point graduate, former Army Captain and paratrooper started the Network in May with the desire to create a global online community of women veterans spanning all services, experiences, war eras, ranks, and geographies. The group serves not only as a support network for current women veterans but also for future veterans, particularly those from the latest conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

For additional information about WOVEN or to receive e-mail updates, contact Celia Szelwach at 941-795-0928, email Celia at cszelwac@tampabay.rr.com or contact her through the "Contact Us" page at www.womenveteransnetwork.org.

Celia Szelwach, DBA (ABD) is the Director of the Women Veterans Network (WOVEN), a global online community committed to helping women veterans successfully transition from military service. In October 2006, she was appointed by the Secretary of the VA to serve on the 14-member Advisory Committee on Women Veterans for a two-year term. Her active duty service from 1990-1995 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina included redeploying troops and equipment from Desert Storm/Desert Shield and two humanitarian service missions—for Haitian migration to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and for Hurricane Andrew disaster relief in Miami, Florida. Her awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, two Humanitarian Service Medals, and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

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Headshot for Celia Szelwach
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