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Promise Kept



A LIVING + LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR
Women Veterans

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Since 1833, Stephens College has prepared women for the lives that have awaited them. Today, Stephens embraces a new challenge as socially critical as it is mission consistent: to empower women veterans to earn their college degrees, achieve professional success, and attain financial independence.

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We Empower Women Warriors

We believe that every American veteran deserves our gratitude, respect, and support. But we know that women veterans, in particular, often face unique challenges.

That's why we've created Mission Promise Kept, the first holistic campus program designed to meet the needs of women veterans.



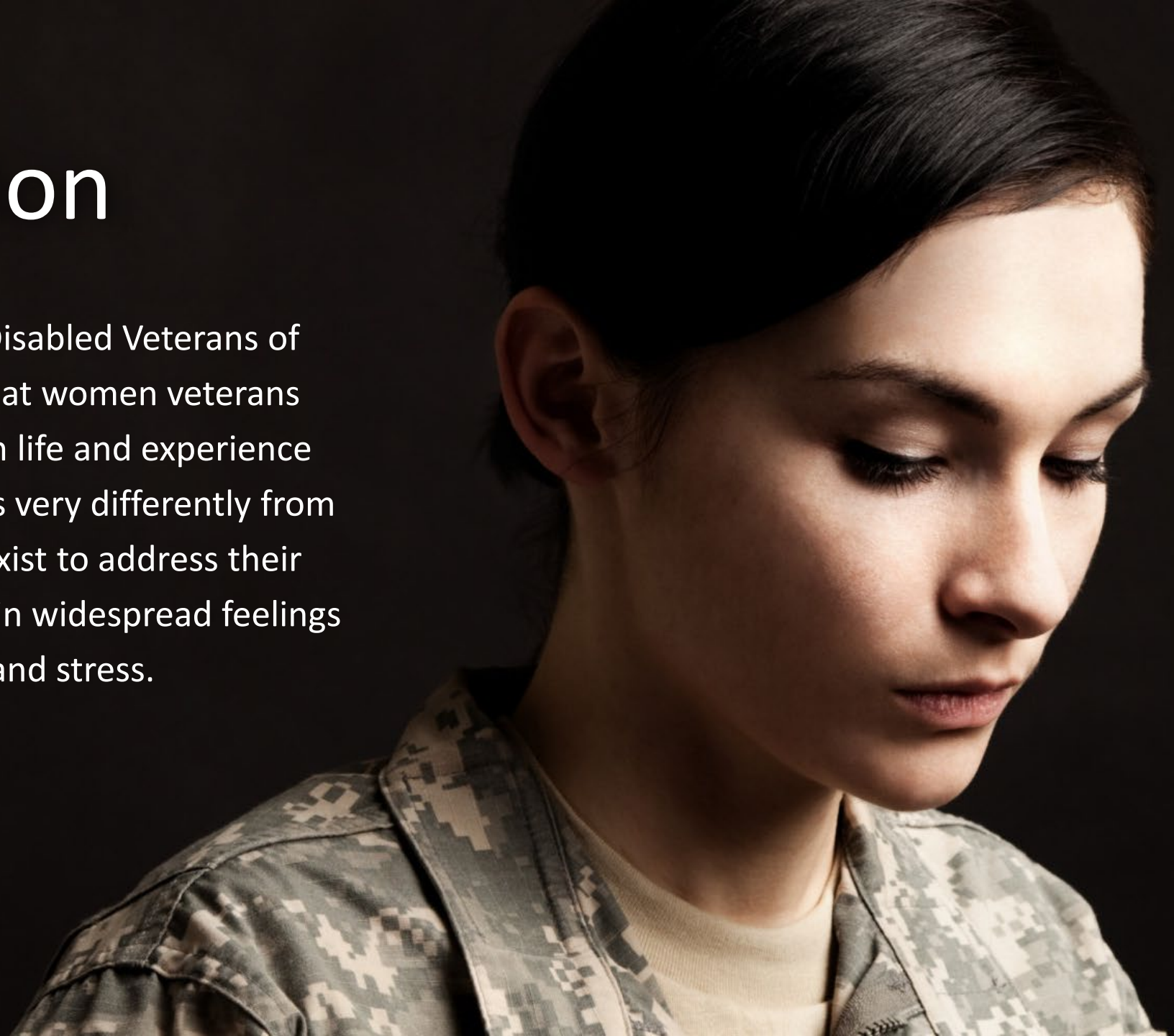
Mission Promise Kept - Our Why

Research suggests that women veterans confront a unique array of concerns and issues pursuing postsecondary education. Some issues include but are not limited to:

- Isolation
- Military Sexual Trauma (MST) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Medical and Mental Health Concerns
- Feeling like second-class citizens in the eyes of the Veterans Administration
- Single parenthood and childcare costs
- Divorce issues, legal concerns
- Underutilization of VA benefits

Isolation

A 2014 study by the Disabled Veterans of America concluded that women veterans reintegrate into civilian life and experience challenges and concerns very differently from men. Few programs exist to address their unique needs, resulting in widespread feelings of isolation and stress.



MST/PTSD

One in four women veterans who sought health care at the VA in 2014 reported having experienced MST compared with 1 in 100 male veterans.



Medical and Mental Health Concerns

According to the VA, women veterans have higher rates of medical and mental health concerns than do male veterans.



Veterans Administration

In one survey,
59%
of female veterans
said the **VA LACKED
ENOUGH DOCTORS**
specializing in
women's care.

Sources: Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans (2014 report)

1 IN 5

women veterans
delayed
or went
without care
in 2013 and 2014.

Mother Jones

The Service Women's Action Network (SWAN) reported in 2014 that women veterans consistently report that the medical services they receive from the Veterans Association are inadequate.

Single Parenthood and Childcare Costs



Women veterans are more likely to be single parents with custody of their children than their male counterparts.

Divorce Issues and Other Legal Concerns



Women veterans are more likely to be divorced or involved in domestic disputes with current or ex-partners than are male veterans

Underutilization of VA benefits

The VA reports that only one in six women (15.7%) understand the health care benefits they earned through their service



VA

U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

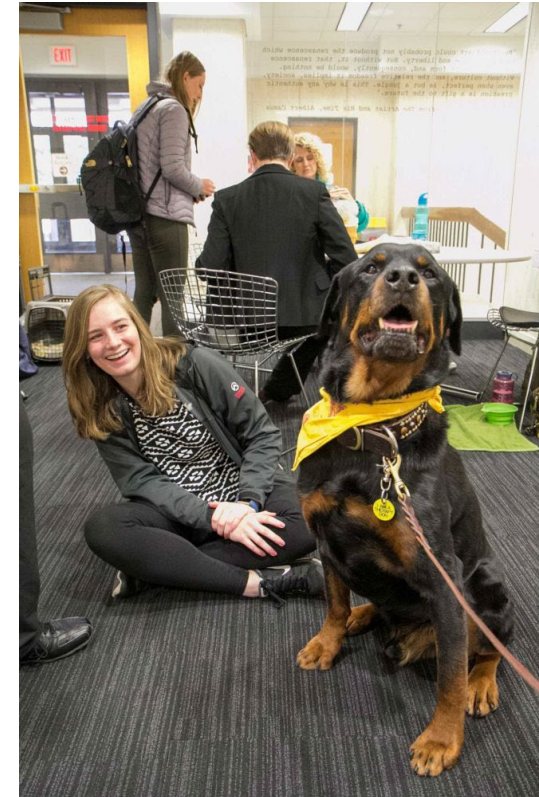
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Drawing upon current research about the unique challenges women face in reintegrating into civilian life, the program creates a residential community of peers; provides a coordinated, comprehensive network of support and services for women veterans and their families; and offers career, leadership, legal, and personal finance training, all on a small, urban, single-gender campus dedicated solely to women's success.



Features of Mission Promise Kept

Residence in Columbia Hall, a historic residence hall at Stephens College reserved exclusively for the program, with one- and two-bedroom fully furnished and newly renovated apartments, with round-the-clock support services provided by on-site advocates/advisors.



Stephens College is rated as the pet-friendliest women's college in the country

Features of Mission Promise Kept



Access to the on-campus Stephens College Children's School (a premiere private pre-K and multi-age elementary school) and neighborhood public schools for affordable, supportive and coordinated childcare

Features of Mission Promise Kept

A coordinated network of academic, medical, legal, and social services will be provided to the veteran. Additional services will assist her toward a successful career path

A HOLISTIC-PERSON CENTERED APPROACH!



COST

For traditional POST 9/11 students, the cost to attend should be 100% covered along with room and board.

For students who do not qualify for educational benefits, additional options may be available.

Stephens College will explore all possible options with the veteran.

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Visit our website at: <https://www.stephens.edu/life-at-stephens/mission-promise-kept/>

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