

MEDIA ADVISORY: Women Vets in House of Reps. Join Fight for Women Veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 16, 2017) – IAVA leaders and member veterans will join House co-sponsors at the House Triangle at 1:00 PM.

The **Deborah Sampson Act**, named for a woman who disguised herself as a man in order to serve in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, calls on Congress to:

- Foster Cultural Change
- Strengthen Data and Transparency
- Recognize and Support the Value of Peer Support
- Require coordinated community care
- Increase outreach

WHAT: Introduction of House Deborah Sampson Act

WHO: IAVA Executive Director and Iraq War veteran [Allison Jaslow](#)
Iraq War veteran, Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI)
Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty (D-CT), House Veterans Affairs Committee

WHEN: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 1:00 PM

WHERE: [House Triangle](#)

IAVA, the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing post-9/11 veterans and their families, is working with Congress and the Trump Administration on ways to change the culture around women who serve in the military-not just those on active duty, but after they come home.

Nearly 345,000 women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. While the number of male veterans is expected to decline in the next five years, the women veteran population will increase, and women have taken on new roles and responsibilities throughout the services.