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## HOMELESS VETERANS BULLETIN #8

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Women Veterans face homelessness in much bigger numbers than men. Research shows that they are 4 times more likely to become homeless than their male counterparts. While there is no clearly defined reason to explain this higher rate, one such factor is: less than 10% of women Veterans use VA healthcare services.

The VA is a wonderful resource that offers benefits to address all the contributing factors, some women report that they feel uncomfortable in the male-dominated environment of a VA hospital. Up to 25% of women who use VA healthcare experienced harassment such as catcalls and derogatory comments. The VA itself has acknowledged this and has taken measures to make women feel safer and more welcome in its facilities. They maintain a zero-tolerance policy for harassment.

Whatever it takes to make these women comfortable we must start now and not stop until every female veteran can receive the benefits they earned in a safe and welcoming environment.

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