INFORMATION FOR WOMEN VETERANS

(If you would like other specifics on the VA website, see the resources for all veterans.)

VA:  Women Veterans  Center for Women Veterans  VA Healthcare Website

Minority Veterans Center  VA Caregiver Support Line:  1-855-260-3274

Women Veterans Outreach Coordinator for Louisiana:  Alejandra “Alex” Juan, 225-219-5005, alex.juan@la.gov

Women’s Issues:

Women’s Advocate in the VA Medical Center under the Women Veterans Program Manager(WVPM):  Currently vacant but Interim is Dr. Erin Brewer 800-935-8387 X66187

Alexandria VA Medical Center WVPM:  Dr. LaShondra Brown-Johnson 318-466-2729

Overton Brooks VA Medical Center WVPM:  Courtney Fitzgerald 318-990-5077

Military Sexual Trauma Coodinators:

Overton Brooks VA Medical Center:  Dr. Deppeka Reddy, PhD (318) 990-5051

Alexandria VA Healthcare Center:  Catherine Hansen, PhD (318) 357-311

Information online including books:

Utilization of VA Benefits & Services  (several reports on women you can view or download)

America’s Women Veterans  Statistical information  includes a women’s military history

Health Effects of Military Service on Women Veterans

Women Veterans:  The Long Journey Home  (2014 report) and 
Women Veterans:  The Journey Ahead  (2018 report--sequel to The Long Journey Home)

DAV Women Veterans  has the 2018 report, meet the veterans, and be an advocate area. There is also a resource page for women veterans on the DAV website.

March is Women Veterans’ Month.  You can view stories about women veterans.  The VAMC in New Orleans has a Ladies Night every year in May and provides information for women veterans.

I am Joan Gondron, the DAV Department of Louisiana Women Veterans’ Representative.  Please call, (985-377-3860) text, or email me (davlachapter50@gmail.com) if you have any issues you are most concerned about that need to be addressed that are not currently being addressed.  Tell me what VA Medical Center you go to so I can address them to the proper place when the Women Veterans Committee meets.

If you would like information on becoming a DAV member, what your membership dues go to and the benefits of membership, check out these YouTube videos:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNnuhIEkLHk&feature=youtu.be  and  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zF0sNkv8cds