



February 17, 2011  
Event/Community Calendar Listing

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**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT  
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING VERMONT'S WOMEN VETERANS  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 2011**

**Who:** The Vermont Women's History Project of the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Commission on Women and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

**What:** Honoring the military service of Vermont women from World War II to present

**When:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011

**Where:** Various locations, Montpelier area

**Event details:**

Opening celebration held at 9 a.m. in the Snelling Room of the Vermont History Museum's Pavilion Building on State Street. Governor Shumlin and Adjutant General Dubie have been invited to provide opening remarks.

Women veterans will have the opportunity to sign up for interviews, at a later date, for possible inclusion in the Vermont Women's History Project, a website and database providing a treasure trove of information about individual Vermont women searchable by geographical area, time period, and area of influence: <http://www.womenshistory.vermont.gov/>

A guided tour of the Vermont State House will happen at 11 a.m. At noon in the Snelling Room of the Vermont Historical Society, a panel of women veterans will share their stories and experiences with members of the Women's Legislative Caucus. Refreshments will be provided. Lunch may be purchased in the State House cafeteria or elsewhere.

Women veterans will be recognized and honored as part of a Legislative Resolution to be read at 1 p.m. at the State House. The resolution will then be sent to all Veterans' organizations throughout Vermont and to the Women's Memorial in Washington, DC.

Throughout the day, participants will enjoy special exhibits and free admission to the Vermont History Museum for all Vermont Veterans and their families/guests.

From 2 to 4 p.m. Montpelier Brown-Johnson VFW post 792 will host a panel discussion. Leonard Doscinski, Department of Vermont VFW will discuss applying for VA benefits. Colonel Doscinski is recognized nationally by the VFW as one of the best Service Officers in the nation. Bobbie Surott-Kimberly, Women Veterans Program Manager at White River Junction's VA Medical Center and Regional Office will speak about VA's ongoing improvements to women's health care. Panelist DJ Masi, of the Vermont Agency of Human Services employment initiative, Creative Workforce Solutions, will speak about how this program may help Veterans re-entering

the workforce. Light refreshments will be provided. Women Veterans of all ages are asked to wear or bring their uniforms, hats, medals, photographs, or memorabilia to show pride in having served. This event is free and open to the public. If you plan to attend, please contact Brenda Cruickshank at 802-485-5793 or email bc9589@aol.com

**Timeline of day's events:**

9 a.m. Opening celebration in the Snelling Room of the Vermont History Museum's Pavilion Building on State Street.

11 a.m. Guided tour of the Vermont State House – meet in State House Lobby

Noontime Panel of women veterans sharing their stories and experiences in the Snelling Room of the Vermont Historical Society

1 p.m. Legislative resolution reading recognizing and honoring women veterans in the House Chamber at the State House

2-4 p.m. Panel discussion highlighting Veterans Administration programs and benefits as well as local resources for veterans preparing to re-enter the workforce at the Montpelier Brown-Johnson VGW post 792

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*The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is a non-partisan independent state agency comprised of 16 volunteer Commissioners from across the state. VCW helps shape public policy by educating and informing the public about the specific concerns and conditions of Vermont women and assists in providing solutions to problems of Vermont families by increasing educational, economic, social, and health-related opportunities for all.*