



## FACT SHEET

Documentary: "Women in the Military: Willing...Able...Essential"

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The Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media, PA 19063

Media Premiere: Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
The theatre at the Women's Memorial Arlington National Cemetery, VA

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**Brief Summary** (Duration: 59 minutes / Format: DVD)

**WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: WILLING \* ABLE \* ESSENTIAL** is the first film to document women driven by patriotic zeal to serve our country. From revolutionary war renegades like Deborah Sampson, the first known woman to disguise herself in order to serve as a soldier, and remarkable female Civil War contract surgeon, Dr. Mary Walker, who became a prisoner of war and was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (the only woman in history so honored to those who proudly wear the uniform in battle zones today, women have contributed to our military might in ways unknown to most Americans. This is their story – told through rarely seen war footage, dramatic re-enactments, historical images, and military women themselves.

### Director Bio

Susan Sherwood, a former radio and television reporter who covered the historic Three Mile Island nuclear disaster, served four PA governors producing documentaries and multimedia/interactive programs that won 36 awards, including two Mid-Atlantic Emmys. As President of e'lan Media, LLC, Sherwood produces historical documentaries. She lives in Harrisburg, Pa with her husband, Pulitzer Prize and George Foster Peabody Award winner Carlton A. Sherwood who produced "On Freedom's Wings: Bound For Glory, *The legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen,*" a riveting documentary which debunked deeply held beliefs that Blacks could not be skilled combat fighter pilots.

### About the Museum

Open to the public on Veteran's Day 2005, the **Pennsylvania Veterans Museum** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve, promote and protect the legacy and dignity of all U.S. veterans and to educate the public, especially our youth, about the experiences and history of veterans during times of war. We strive to preserve the "living history" of our veterans through films documenting the experience of war in veterans' own voices. Our films are accompanied by accredited lesson plans designed for middle school, high school and JROTC students and are available free of charge to schools.

Link to trailer, DVD cover artwork, high res photos available at [www.paveteransmuseum.org](http://www.paveteransmuseum.org).