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Army Women's 4th Annual Symposium & Hall of Fame Luncheon in Wash, D.C. to Honor Army Women and Analyze Key Issues

Army Women Who Served in Vietnam Inducted into Hall of Fame; Sen. Inouye to Receive Award

WASHINGTON, March 7, 2012—The <u>U.S. Army Women's Foundation</u> will host its <u>4th Annual Army Women in Transition Symposium & Hall of Fame Luncheon</u> on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C on March 13, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with more than 200 people expected to attend.

Army Women who served in Vietnam will be inducted into the <u>Army Women's Hall of Fame</u>. The Hall of Fame awards are presented to women who have contributed extraordinary service to the Army and especially to women in the Army. Leon Harris, ABC7/WJLA-TV News Anchor, to emcee the ceremony. Prior to the <u>Hall of Fame Luncheon</u>, Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) will receive a special recognition award for his decades of support for Army Women.

For the <u>Symposium</u>, LTG Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command, will provide a keynote on both service-connected healthcare and future care. The <u>Symposium</u>, with a theme of Changing Missions, Changing Roles, will cultivate dialogue among federal legislators, government agencies, academic institutions, corporate leaders, and non-profit organizations.

The <u>Symposium</u> will identify the successes, lessons learned, next steps, and the collaborations and partnerships still needed to help Army women successfully transition from military culture to civilian society. Top <u>sponsors</u> of the <u>Symposium & Hall of Fame Luncheon</u> include <u>Booz Allen Hamilton</u>, <u>Home Depot</u> and <u>Walmart</u>.

Following the event, podcasts of the panels and keynote will be made available to servicewomen and veterans across the globe. Podcasts will help Army women learn about the typical challenges faced and potentially how to overcome them when returning from deployment. Media sponsors Booz Allen Hamilton, Microsoft, and Stars and Stripes are credited with making the podcasts possible.

"Army women, past and presently serving, have sacrificed so much to safeguard our country, and the Foundation's Symposium & Hall of Fame Luncheon seeks to honor Army women's legacy in addition to exposing the top issues Army women face when between military culture and civilian life," said retired Maj. Gen. Dee Ann McWilliams, president of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation.

Following the inductions, the <u>Foundation</u> will present seven <u>Legacy Scholarships</u>. The <u>Foundation Legacy Scholarship</u> program recognizes the importance of education and helps recipients to achieve their educational goals. The program offers financial support toward undergraduate degrees to Army women and their lineal descendents. Scholarships are based on merit, academic potential, community service, and need.

ABOUT THE U.S ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

The <u>U.S. Army Women's Foundation</u> is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization originally established in 1969. The mission of the <u>U.S. Army Women's Foundation</u> is to promote public interest in the Army and the women who serve or have served in the U.S. Army. Through programs, research and scholarships, the Foundation recognizes and honors the service of Army women and supports the <u>U.S. Army Women's Museum</u> located at Fort Lee, Va. For more information, visit <u>www.awfdn.org</u>.

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