



VETERAN & MILITARY-RELATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: IMPROVING SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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Who is BWJP

The Battered Women's Justice Project is a national non-profit technical assistance and training provider

We develop and promote innovations in policy and practice that improve the response to intimate partner violence (IPV) by the civil, criminal, and military justice systems.

Programs include:

- Firearms
- Protection orders
- Child custody
- Probation
- Criminal justice responses
- Military & Veterans

Why are you attending this training?

Why are we conducting this training?

Safety is Paramount



U.S. Armed Forces

Branches/Services

Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps
(Department of Defense (DoD))

Coast Guard (Department of
Homeland Security (DHS))

Components

Active Duty

Reserves

National Guard

- State militia subject to federal duty
- Army and Air Force components



U.S. Armed Forces

Total Strength (2016)

- 1,344,000 DoD Active Duty
- 365,000 Reserves
- 449,000 National Guard
- 46,000 Coast Guard (Active & Reserve)

Less than 1% of U.S population

Female: 15% (Active duty); 19% (Reserve/National Guard)

Family members: Nearly 2 million of Active Duty servicemembers



Veterans

Approximately 20 million

9% female

2.7 million served in Iraq
and Afghanistan; Over
600,000 with the Reserves
and National Guard

Texas has the 3rd largest
total



Military & Veterans in the Criminal Justice System

Active duty military, Reserves, National Guard - ?

Veterans make-up approximately 8% of state and federal prison population

Steady decline from 24% in 1978; Consistent with decline of veterans in general population

Greater percentage of veterans (64%) than nonveterans (48%) were sentenced for violent offenses

% sentenced for domestic violence offenses - ?

Veterans in Prison and Jail, 2011–12, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, NCJ 249144

Agenda

Risk, Danger, and Context

Combat and Military-related Co-occurring Conditions

Veterans Treatment Courts

Lunch

Integrating Advocacy Services

Protection Orders, Domestic Violence Offenses, & Firearms

Batterers Intervention & Prevention Programs (BIPPs)

Domestic Violence Court Model and Best Practices

Summary and Recommendations