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EVENT CELEBRATING WOMEN IN MILITARY SET FOR MARCH 23 & 24

BOARDMAN, OR – “She Also Served” is an Eastern Oregon celebration of women in military service, which aims to raise awareness and increase the dialogue surrounding women veterans. The event is free to the public and will include a gallery exhibition, dinner reception and screening of the documentary, *Lioness*, at the SAGE Center in Boardman, Oregon.

The “I Am Not Invisible” gallery exhibition features twenty portraits of Oregon women military veterans. The project is the brainchild of PSU Veterans Resource Center Director, Felita Singleton, and ODVA Women Veterans Coordinator, Elizabeth Estabrooks, who also curated the exhibition. The debut of the exhibition was February 24 at the Portland Art Museum. The exhibition will begin a travelling campaign by appearing at the SAGE Center, where it will be on display Friday, March 23 at 12:00 pm through 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 24.

The event on Friday will include an evening reception on March 23 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, featuring guest speaker and curator, Elizabeth Estabrooks. A buffet-style dinner will also be available but requires an RSVP no later than March 13. To RSVP to the reception, please contact Linda Skendzel with Morrow County Veterans Services Office at (541) 922-6420 or via email at mcvets@co.morrow.or.us

In addition to the gallery exhibition, Saturday will include a public screening of the documentary *Lioness* at 11:00 am. *Lioness* tells the story of a group of female Army support soldiers who were part of the first program in American history to send women into direct ground combat. Told through intimate accounts, journal excerpts, archival footage, as well as interviews with military commanders, the film follows five *Lioness* women who served together for a year in Iraq.

The event is brought to you by the Morrow County Veterans Services Office, in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. The SAGE Center is located at 101 Olson Road in Boardman, Oregon. For more information, go to:

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