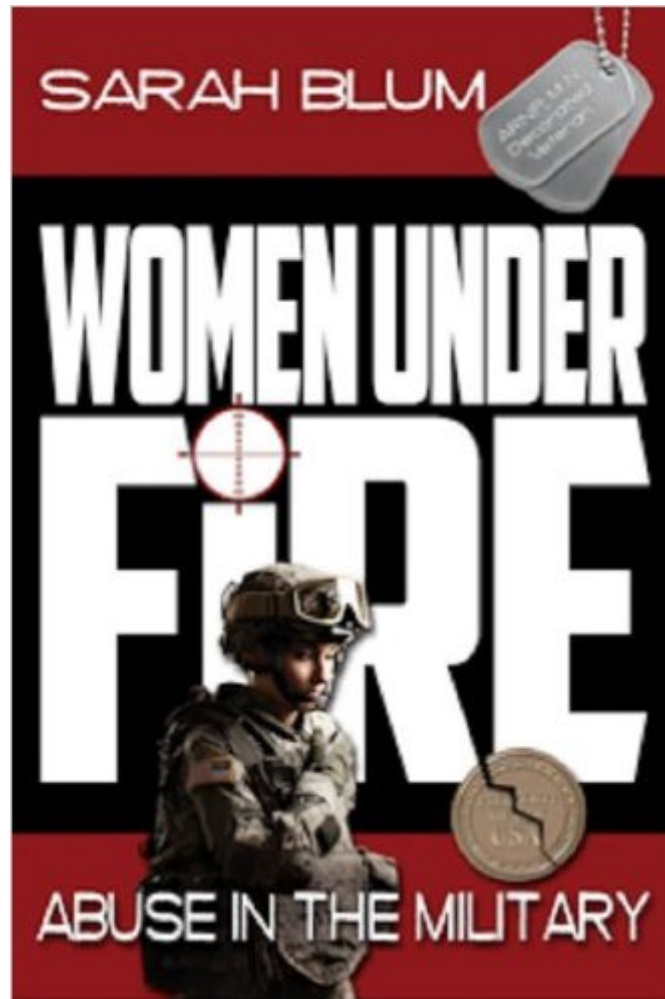


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# Women Under Fire: Abuse In The Military



## Synopsis

"Women Under Fire: Abuse in the Military is a hard look at the extraordinary culture of violence and intimidation committed every day in the US military. Women Under Fire: Abuse in the Military should be required reading by those considering joining the military and by the friends and relatives who encourage young women and men to join the military. These stories stand as warnings to think carefully about joining an organization that has a long history of protecting criminals who commit sexual crimes." --Retired Colonel Ann Wright Sarah Blum's book, *Women Under Fire*, is a stunning revelation of sexual abuse in the U.S. Armed Forces. As Blum's book makes scathingly clear, this criminal activity--demeaning, degrading and despicable--is far too prevalent in each of the armed services. Action is needed--comprehensive, effective and swift--before sexual abuse rips out the very heart of the military. Lawrence Wilkerson, Colonel, US Army (Retired), former chief of staff to secretary of state Colin Powell, and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Government and Public Policy at the College of William and Mary. I commend the author, Sarah Blum, for her thoughtful and insightful treatise on changes to the system that will lead to fewer sexual assaults and justice for future victims. Wilma L Vaught, Brig General, USAF Ret. President of the Board of Directors of the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation.

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Gulf War Era: She was raped by 17 brothers in arms and the doc told her that made her a nymphomaniac and he could get her a discharge. WWII: Rape. If you tell anyone who did this to you, we will all rape you. Another, and thousands of others, were told to forget it for the good of

the service, and their own careers. The victims were/are told this, despite the rape, the beatings, being bloodied, having had chemicals poured on them to cover the evidenceâthe list goes on and on right to the help that should be there, is not there. In so many instances rape, abuse are denied; promotions denied; threats, and more beatings and ostracism measured outâphysically, psychologically, and spiritually. And murder is suspected in some cases by parents not getting answers. Another, and thousands of others, did file complaints, were ostracized; and where exactly did the paperwork from their files go, and who removed them under whose orders? Raped, gang raped, beaten, bloodiedâwomen who wanted to serve their country; women who thought their male counterparts had their backs; women who thought they could trust command and found out all those trust issues were founded on false grounds. Is this how these men were raised? Is this how chain of command works: follow orders; only for the good of the reputation of the service; rape is okay, enjoy committing it, only the victims will sufferâfor lifeâwith illnesses, post-traumatic stress, issues of self-worth, and betrayal of infinite scope. And a huge possibility of dishonorable discharge with, of course, no benefits. How will these men given carte blanche to rape function when back in the world? How will these men treat their families, function in their communities?

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