

Myth:

Women who join the military are not on the front lines and do not experience direct fire.

Fact:

Women **do** live on the front lines and they **do** experience direct fire... just *like their* male counterparts.



There was a time when the word "hero" was reserved only for men in our society...

But female soldiers have changed that view.



FEMALE SOLDIERS FORGOTTEN HEROES



Bringing Hope & Healing to Those Who Serve

Residents of PFC NICHOLAS A. MADARAS HOME will have access to:

- Safe housing for 15 homeless female Veterans and their children up to age two
- Vocational Training
- Job Placement
- Life Skills Coaching
- Case Management



Our goal for each resident is to end homelessness, secure permanent housing and address the unique needs female Veterans face.

How Can You Help?

- Financial and In-Kind Donations
- Hire a Veteran
- Provide Dinners
- Support Fundraising Events
- Volunteer

To learn more, contact Shalini Madaras
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Or visit www.homesforthebrave.org
or kickformick.org.



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FORGOTTEN HEROES

Unlocking the Possibilities

To Provide a Place of
Healing & Sanctuary for
Female Veterans

MEETING THE NEED

ABRI, Inc., together with *Kick for Nick*, is dedicated to developing a safe and attractive transitional supportive housing facility for female Veterans. When completed in 2011, this facility will be one of only a handful existing nationwide. The residence will be managed by ABRI, Inc., which also operates *Homes for the Brave*, a transitional housing facility that has served over 600 male Veterans and non-Veterans since 2002.



ABRI has purchased a home in Bridgeport, Connecticut, which will house 15 female Veterans who are homeless. Children under age two will be eligible to live with their mothers. The goal is to provide these women with the support, case management and skills training they need to become productive, tax-paying citizens again.

PFC Nicholas A.
Madaras Home



Did You Know?

- As of 2009, 8,000 soldiers from Connecticut currently are deployed to Iran and Afghanistan?
- 25% - or 2,000 - of these soldiers are women?

"HAVING A KEY MEANS YOU BELONG... A DOOR TO ONE'S SANCTUARY... A HOME"

"Veterans helping Veterans" housing programs offer the camaraderie of living in a structured, substance-free environment with Veteran peers who are succeeding at bettering themselves. Over half of the Veterans who participate in similar programs have successfully arranged independent housing, nearly one third have jobs and one quarter are receiving benefits.



To learn more, please visit
www.homesforthebrave.org

The Facts Are Alarming...

- 7,000 - 8,000 female Veterans are homeless in the United States?
- Female Veterans are 3.6 times more likely to become homeless than women who are not Veterans.
- 200 - 300 homeless female Veterans live in Connecticut.
- There are 158 transitional supportive housing beds for homeless Veterans in Connecticut
- Fewer than 5 of these are for women.

FEMALE SOLDIERS.
FORGOTTEN HEROES.



Unlocking the Possibilities

☒ **YES!** I want to support **FEMALE SOLDIERS: FORGOTTEN HEROES**, which will provide much needed housing our female Veterans and their children under age two.

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Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes
655 Park Avenue
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Donations also may be made on our secure Web site at
www.homesforthebrave.org.

Please check with your employer about Matching Gifts. FS:FH Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers formed under Kick for Nick to help ABRI fund the establishment of the female Veteran home. ABRI is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 corporation, Federal Employer ID #06-1520511.

All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

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