

# Disability and the Military Community

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# Emerging Issues

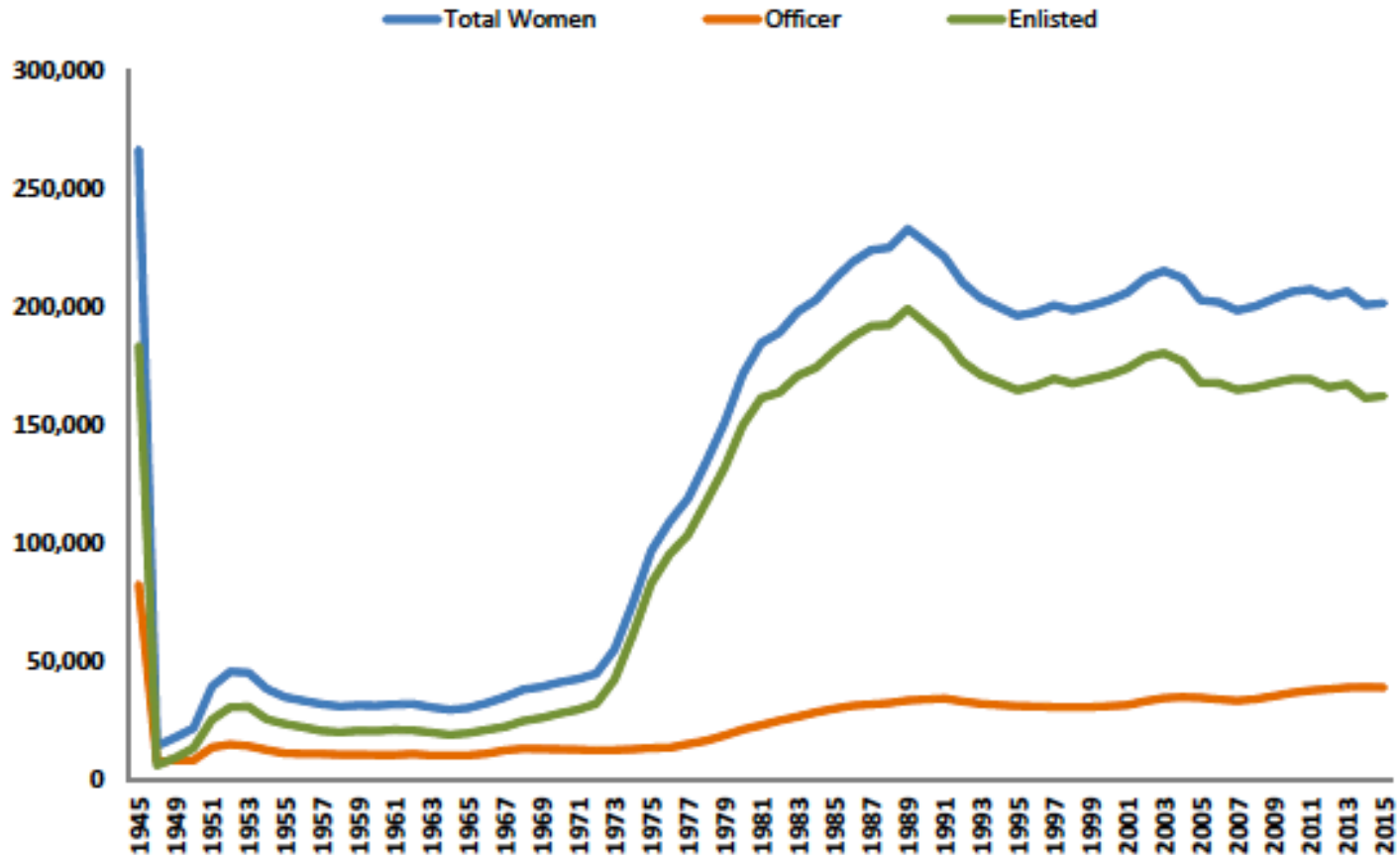
## Toxic Exposures

- Combat zones
- Housing
- Identifying those exposed
- Identifying conditions caused

# Emerging Issues

## Women

Female Active-Duty Military Personnel: 1945 to 2015



Source: Department of Defense, Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division  
Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

# Emerging Issues

## Women

- TBI
- Mental health

# Medical Retirement/Separation

- Inability to deploy = separation
- Temporary retired list loophole
  - Integrated Disability Evaluation System vs legacy system

# Legislative Trends

“Get back to work”

- Melidosian report, 1996
  - “VA’s traditional paternalism is no longer sustainable or affordable now that it has to be defended within the adversarial context of, ‘Was the VA paternalistic enough?’”
- Office of Management and Budget proposals

# Impacts

- Forced departures from military
- Evolving veterans disability structure