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Exhibit Opening

When Janey Comes Marching Home:
Portraits of Women Combat Veterans

When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Women Combat Veterans made its Washington, DC, debut recently at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial. The exhibit, a collection of 44 large-scale photographic portraits and accompanying oral history excerpts of servicewomen, all veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, will be at the Memorial through Sept. 5, 2010.

Made possible through the collaboration of author Laura Browder and photographer Sascha Pflaeging, When Janey Comes Marching Home is an intimate, personal introduction to some of today’s women who have donned military uniforms and gone to war. This very compelling exhibition is a unique look at contemporary women warriors. “I was very impressed with the photographer’s formatting and composition of the portraits along with the personal stories of the women,” said retired Air Force Brigadier General Wilma Vaught, Women’s Memorial Foundation president. “All of the elements combine to create the feel of a personal relationship with each woman. It’s a powerful experience.”

When Janey Comes Marching Home is free and open to the public, daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The public is also invited to a special “Meet the Artists” reception on June 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. RSVP to 703-533-1155 or hq@womensmemorial.org to reserve a seat.

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When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Women Combat Veterans is at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial through the partnership of the Army Women’s Foundation and the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, Inc. This was made possible in part by a generous grant from TriWest Healthcare Alliance.

For more information about the exhibit or the “Meet the Artists” reception, call 703-533-1155 or 800-222-2294. The Women’s Memorial, the only major national memorial to
tell the story of women’s service, is located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery and is readily accessible by Metro (Blue Line). Paid parking is available.

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