



*Mothers have volunteered to serve in the military since the Revolutionary War, where they held traditional roles as nurses, seamstresses or cooks and, since 2015, in designated frontline combat roles. Women were 16.5% of all active-duty personnel in 2018 and make up 10% of all military veterans, a percentage that is likely to increase rapidly in the next decade, according to Pentagon data.*

*The panel will feature mothers from different military branches who have served our nation through various generations and armed conflicts. They will discuss the trials of parenting and fulfilling operational obligations, coping with the heartache of deployments and separations, and the uncertainty that comes with military service.*

On **May 6 at 12 p.m. EST**, the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP) invites the public to a virtual panel titled “Motherhood and the Military” through the VHP Facebook page.

The panel will premiere with closed captions on the Veterans History Project Facebook page ([facebook.com/vetshistoryproject/videos/](https://facebook.com/vetshistoryproject/videos/)).

The presentation will be available for viewing afterwards at that site, on the Library of Congress website ([loc.gov](https://loc.gov)) and the Library’s YouTube site at [youtube.com/loc](https://youtube.com/loc).