Women's Bureau and VETS Co-Host "Women in Service: A Conversation with Military Leaders on Blazing Trails in the Armed Forces"
On February 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Women's Bureau and Veterans' Employment and Training Service hosted an event to celebrate African American History Month and the Women’s Bureau Centennial: "Women in Service: A Conversation with Four Military Leaders on Blazing Trails in the Armed Forces."

Moderated by Betty Moseley Brown, Ed.D. and joined by Major General Irene Trowell-Harris, Ed.D., Command Master Chief Octavia Harris, and Command Sergeant Major Michele S. Jones, the women veterans discussed their experiences leading in the military, as well as ways we can help increase opportunities for women in all industries and occupations.

View the recording of the event.

White House Proclamation on Women's History Month, 2020
March is Women's History Month!

"Women have influenced and advanced every facet of American life and culture. The strength, ingenuity, and spirit of our female leaders, innovators, and pioneers shape our Nation's character, government, industry, families, and communities. During Women's History Month, we honor the women who have changed our Nation and the world, and we reaffirm our commitment to supporting the next generation of female trailblazers and dreamers as they carry forward this distinguished legacy."

Read the full White House Proclamation on Women's History Month.

Hiring Our Heroes: A Collective Effort for Military Spouses
On March 4, 2020, Women's Bureau Director Laurie Todd-Smith joined the Second Lady of the United States Karen Pence in Tampa, Florida, for "A Collective Effort for Military Spouses," a Hiring Our Heroes event. This event highlighted nationwide efforts to create workforce development solutions that empower 21st-century military spouses. Dr. Todd-Smith discussed efforts by the U.S. Department of Labor to improve employment opportunities for military spouses.

"At the Department of Labor, we have been advocating for occupational licensing reform and enhanced employment opportunities. The Women's Bureau held 10 listening sessions across the United States last year to hear about the challenges military spouses are facing. We've collaborated with the Veterans' Employment and Training Service and developed an interactive map that shows all the different occupational licensing requirements in different states should you be moving there."


Centennial Meeting in a Box
The Women's Bureau Centennial Meeting in a Box is a communication resource for our stakeholders. The Women’s Bureau Centennial Meeting in a Box includes a presentation slide deck, talking points, and a "How to Participate" guide. It is a resource for you that provides the necessary information to hold a meeting or give a presentation.

View the Centennial Meeting in a Box.

Dr. Laurie Todd-Smith Moderates Panel at U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Early Education Summit
On February 28, 2020, Women's Bureau Director Dr. Laurie Todd-Smith led a panel discussion on child care and closing the skills gap at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Early Education Summit. The purpose of the Summit was to discuss the impact of childcare challenges on states' economies and the role of business in solving these challenges. At the Summit, participants learned about the childcare challenges faced in Iowa, Idaho, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania; heard new data on the economic impact of childcare; networked with early education advocates and workforce leaders; and listened to panels of experts.

Click here to learn more about the Summit and view the Summit recording.

Tell Us Your Story
We want to hear from you—tell us your story.

The Women's Bureau's "Our Purpose. Your Work." initiative presents working women of all ages with the opportunity to share your work stories, touch on the future aspirations of young women entering the workforce, and talk about how the Women's Bureau has helped advance your purpose. Throughout the Centennial, we will collect and share stories to learn how the Women’s Bureau’s resources and initiatives have made a difference in your life, at work and at home.

Tell us your story here.

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