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## VFW Post's *She Serves* Event Honors Women with Military Service

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Two female members of VFW Post 6054 out of Aberdeen, Md., attended a VFW *She Serves* advisory meeting in 2009. That gave them an idea, and only a few months later, in March, they held their own *She Serves* event at another Post in Aberdeen, Post 10028, titled "Honoring Women with Military Service."

Co-chairman of Post 6054's *She Serves* program, Sharon Snead and Denise Perry felt it was important that all women veterans' military service be honored. "We wanted our event to include all women veterans, regardless of whether they were eligible for VFW membership," said Perry.



At the event, Snead and Perry provided information regarding the services and benefits women veterans are entitled to. Service officer assistance and counseling were also offered at the event. It wasn't all business, though, pampering and opportunities to shop were provided. Food and supplies were provided by *VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP)*.



"We did not charge the business vendors and we only received a few private donations, so the money was greatly appreciated," said Perry.

Maryland state NMS Chairman Tom Kimball shared information about NMS and other VFW programs at the event, and signed up six new VFW members.

"Sharon and I were proud to have been able to put together an event that benefited women veterans and look forward to future opportunities," said Perry.

"There is much work to be done towards getting women veterans the recognition and support that they need. Kudos to the VFW for recognizing our needs and putting the *She Serves* women veterans committees in place."

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