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**First Annual Walk for Women Veterans  
sponsored by  
The Barbara E. Giordano Foundation in honor of National Military Appreciation Month  
May 21, 2017 at Pace University, Pleasantville, NY**

January 25, 2017, White Plains, NY – The Barbara E. Giordano Foundation will hold its first annual Walk for Women Veterans in honor of National Military Appreciation Month on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Pace University, 861 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY. Check-in begins at 8:30am and the walk kicks off at 9:30am, and will take place around the campus.

Everyone must register in order to walk. There is no fee to register. The first 200 registrants receive a Walk for Women Veterans wristband and any individual walker who fundraises \$150 or more receives a commemorative 2017 Walk for Women Veterans tee-shirt.

“I am so happy that we have taken on the task of bringing honor and recognition to the numerous woman who have served in our military by sponsoring our first annual walk,” said Virginia Giordano, chairperson of the Barbara E. Giordano Foundation. “Recently I was speaking to a father whose daughter is in the Army and presently in Afghanistan on her second tour of duty. He told me how proud he was of her and that he felt that most people do not realize what it takes to keep us truly the land of the free. He added, ‘It is a disservice for us not to be of service to our women veterans when they return home.’ The emotion behind his words speaks to what the Giordano Foundation's Walk for Women Veterans is about--recognizing the service of these women, educating the public about their service and honoring them by providing the programs and support that they may need as they transition back into civilian life.”

Money raised from the walk will go towards establishing and delivering the much-needed services and programs to woman veterans and their families. These will include peer counseling, peer support groups, employment assistance, childcare, housing, specialized programming (Healing from military sexual abuse, Creative arts for self-expression, Skills to help cope with transitioning to civilian life, Resource guides to services – VA and non-VA), and educational forums (holistic health, job training, stress management).

This family friendly event is stroller and handicap accessible. No pets except for service dogs. Kacey Grean of Radio 100.7 WHUD will serve as emcee. For more information, to register a team, or walk as an individual, visit [www.giordanofoundation.org](http://www.giordanofoundation.org), call 914-686-8002, or email [walkforwomenvets@gmail.com](mailto:walkforwomenvets@gmail.com).

**About The Barbara Giordano Foundation**

The Barbara E. Giordano Foundation provides holistic health and education programs and services that “fill the gap” between what is already available and what is still needed to help women veterans and their families live productive and healthy lives. The Foundation is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization and is named after the late Barbara E. Giordano, a nurse, hospital administrator and author who championed the cause for every patient, demanding the best of care for each individual. While she possessed an incredible knowledge of “traditional” medicine, she had a strong dedication to holistic health education programs for women.

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