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## Hillsborough County News

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### Forum To Address The Needs Of Women Veterans Set For Nov. 29

The Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) will host a Women Veterans Forum on Tuesday, Nov. 29, to identify and develop solutions to the unique challenges faced by women returning home from military service. As the number of women in uniform active in ongoing conflicts continues to grow, so too does the need to address the vital issues of health care, community reintegration, job placement assistance, and education.

Five experts will share their perspectives and participate in a panel discussion.

- Sara Romeo, Tampa Crossroads
- Larri Gerson, National Association of State Women Veterans Coordinators
- Pam Smith-Beatty, Women's Healthcare Center Coordinator at James A. Haley V.A. Hospital
- Maureen Groer, PhD, RN, FAAN, USF College of Nursing
- Florida Commission on the Status of Women

The COSW will use the information gleaned from this forum to develop a recommended action plan to be presented to the Hillsborough County Commission, and share with interested parties.

The Women Veterans Forum will be conducted at the Children's Board located at 1202 E. Palm Avenue in Tampa, from 10 a.m. to Noon. The event is open to the public. Due to space limitations, RSVPs are requested by Tuesday, Nov. 22 by calling 813-276-2640.

The COSW is comprised of 13 members and was created by the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on April 16, 2003, to advise the BOCC, County administration, the community, and all agencies and persons in Hillsborough County with respect to matters pertaining to the status of women.

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