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**Celebrate March
Women's History Month**

Featuring Dr. Mary E. Walker, reenactor in the first person

You are invited to celebrate Women's History Month with a reenactment of Dr. Mary E. Walker, presented in the first person, by Mrs. Marilyn Dirk, at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, Building #5 Auditorium, on Tuesday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Walker was the first women recipient of the Medal of Honor, a surgeon during the American Civil War and advocate for women's right who lived from 1832 to 1919.

Honors that Dr. Mary E Walker has received include:

- Inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2000.
- A 20-cent stamp, marking the anniversary of her birth
- Medical facilities in Washington, D.C. were named after herself and the author Walter Whitman, the Whitman-Walker Clinic
- In 2005, the Department of Veterans Affairs opened a transitional residence for homeless Women Veterans, many of whom have suffered military sexual Truman (MST). The residence is named the Mary E. Walker House, and is located in Philadelphia, PA

Following the presentation, information for Women Veterans VA Healthcare will be available from:

- Greta Ledgerwood, [Women Veterans Program Manager](#)
- Krista Stephenson, Director of the [National Women Veterans Call Center](#)
- [Veteran Service Center](#)

Veterans and Women Veterans interested in VA services are welcome to bring their DD214 and speak with staff from the Veteran Service Center about eligibility and to register for VA benefits.

Check the Canandaigua VA Medical Center [News Room](#) or visit our [Facebook page](#) for more upcoming events.

The Canandaigua VA Medical Center is located at 400 Fort Hill Avenue Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424.

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