

“The Invisible War” to Screen Oct. 24

Plaintiff in the Case Against the Military Will Share Her Story

10/15/2013, Minneapolis, MN ---The Invisible War is an award-winning documentary about one of America’s most shameful and best-kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military. It will be shown on Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gale Mansion, 2115 Stevens Avenue in Minneapolis. One of the plaintiffs in the suit against the military will be in attendance to tell her story and answer questions.

This film paints a startling picture of the extent of the problem. Today, a female soldier in combat zones is more likely to be raped by a soldier than killed by enemy fire. The Department of Defense estimates there were a staggering 22,800 violent sex crimes in the military in 2011.

Of the sexual assault cases reported to military officials in 2010, only 8% of the attackers were prosecuted in the military court system, compared with 40% of similar offenders prosecuted in the civilian court system. Senator Gillibrand (Dem-NY) has introduced legislation that would remove commanders from the legal process and establish a parallel system of military prosecutors outside the command structure.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Legal Advocacy Fund has supported several of the plaintiffs who share their stories about being assaulted while serving in the armed forces.

The public is invited. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, students and military pay \$10 at the door with valid ID

Tickets available at <http://minneapolis-mn.aauw.net>

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