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Ms. McCoy founded Women Veteran Social Justice Network in 2009 to address the unique difficulties faced by women veterans. Women Veteran Social Justice Network identifies, connects, and empowers women veterans using telehealth concepts, new media, and emerging technology to address the needs of thousands of participants while raising awareness of unique veteran issues. WVSJ Network sponsors national and regional conferences, provides educational/consulting services to businesses, has an internship program, provides resources to women veterans, and partners with other women and veteran organizations to address women veteran unmet needs.

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