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The findings from a five-year, international study on sexual victimization in the US Armed Forces are documented in a new book, For Love of Country: Confronting Rape and Sexual Harassment in the U.S. Military written by Terri Spahr Nelson and published by the Haworth Press.

The book is based on the perspectives of women and men who experienced rape or sexual harassment while on active duty. Included throughout the text are quotes and excerpts from veterans, active duty service members, military leaders, congressional representatives, Pentagon reports, and other research in the field. The end result is one of the most thorough assessments of the problem to date to highlight victims' experiences.

“This is a complicated and controversial issue with no easy solutions” according to the author, Terri Spahr Nelson. “Similar to the reported sexual abuses in the Catholic Church, these problems have been around for a long time. However, it is only recently that more women and men are speaking out about what happened to them. These service members have a great deal to teach us about addressing and resolving the problems associated with sexual victimization in the military and at the military academies.”

Nelson brings extensive military experience and expertise to the book. She is a twice-decorated United States Army veteran, awarded the Army Commendation medal and first oak leaf cluster. She is also a psychotherapist and consultant specializing in sexual trauma recovery issues. Nelson has a private psychotherapy practice and provides trainings and consultations on this topic. She has also co-authored the popular, nationally distributed booklet for rape survivors, “Coping with Sexual Assault: A Guide to Healing, Resolution and Recovery” printed in English, Spanish, Braille and large print with special editions for teens, college students and professionals working with rape survivors.

For Love of Country: Confronting Rape and Sexual Harassment in the U.S. Military is one of the few books exclusively devoted to this important topic. It is now available in hardcover and paperback from the Haworth Press. Orders can be made on-line through Haworth Press. For information about bulk orders, special sales or catalog orders, contact: the Haworth Press Sales Manager Margaret Tatich at (607) 722-5857 ext. 321 or e-mail: mtatich@haworthpressinc.com. Complimentary review copies are also available for the press, educators and those considering bulk orders.