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## Day One

# Women in the Military

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ What is it like to be a mom serving in Iraq? Read silently.

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Rose was injured in Iraq. She did not return home, however. She wanted to show that she could handle combat. In 2010, Rose and Yolanda spoke to *NPR*. "We're out there doing the same things the guys are," said Rose.

When Rose and Yolanda went overseas, they both left their children at home. But the women were still moms. They used email to contact their children's teachers.

Both women are proud of their effort. "If you want to serve your country, you can do it," says Yolanda.

Other mothers say that it is hard to be in the military and be a mom. Amy Shaw never saw her son's first step.

Many mothers use videos and webcams to connect to their children. Some even leave their perfume behind for their children. One mother said, "When they get really lonesome, they smell it and it makes them feel better."

Source: "Female veterans bond over serving in combat," *NPR*, November 11, 2010.



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### Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why was it hard for mothers to serve in Iraq?

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What was one silly rule for women in the military years ago?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- ➔ Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- ➔ Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- ➔ Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.