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Greg Jacob is the policy director at the Service Women's Action Network (SWAN). Founded and led by women veterans, SWAN is the leading non-profit organization focused on ending discrimination, harassment and assault in the U.S. Armed Forces. Greg's policy work at SWAN has included advocacy on a wide range of social justice issues leading to groundbreaking changes to the laws and policies that govern the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. These include eliminating the combat exclusion policy, improving VA healthcare for women veterans and VA benefits for sexual trauma survivors, reforming the military justice system, improving access to reproductive healthcare, and fighting the scourge of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the military. Before joining SWAN Greg served for a decade in the Marine Corps both as an enlisted infantryman and then as an infantry officer, deploying worldwide and earning numerous decorations including the Combat Action Ribbon. Notably, Greg held command billets at an integrated training battalion where he trained both men and women in basic combat skills. In that role Greg learned firsthand the many issues facing women in the military that inform the work he does today.