

Show Prep

My last name sounds like plum with a b. Sarah Blum

Bio information:

Sarah L. Blum, is a champion for justice and is working to heal the profound damage of Military Sexual Trauma (MST) rampant in the U.S. Military. She is a decorated nurse Vietnam veteran who earned the Army Commendation Medal serving as an operating room nurse at the 12th Evacuation Hospital Cu Chi, Vietnam during the height of the fighting in 1967. She received her Bachelor's Degree, *Summa Cum Laude*, from Seattle University and her Master's, *Cum Laude*, from U. W. and at age 74, Sarah is still a practicing nurse psychotherapist with over 29 years experience working with PTSD and trauma resolution.

Sarah was a finalist in the Pacific Northwest Writer's Association 2012 Writing Contest in Memoir and her Op Ed's "Sexual Abuse in the Military Needs to be Brought to Light", was published July 2012 in *The Seattle Times*, "Sex Crimes Continue to Plague the U.S. Military," was published in *Truthout* in January 2013 and in February 2014, "Our Military: Fighting to Keep its Culture of Abuse." Was published in *Truthout*.

Her authentic passionate voice reverberates through the pages of *Women Under Fire: Abuse in the Military* and the upcoming sequel,

Women Under Fire: PTSD and Healing. Her website is:

<http://womenunderfire.net>

Questions: Depending on length of show interview choose best

1. How did you come to write about the culture of abuse toward women in our military?
2. Specifically what did you learn about that culture?
3. What data do you have about the numbers and/or percentages of sexual assaults in the military?
4. You did interviews with women veterans about this subject. Tell us about their stories and what you learned.
5. Who are the men who commit these sexual assaults?
6. What are the male attitudes toward women in our military?
7. Has there been a military cover up?
8. What happens to women who are sexually assaulted in the military?
9. What needs to happen to end this culture of abuse you describe?

10. How can the public find out more, support your effort, buy your book?

1. How did you come to write this book?

2. How did the book change from when you started?

3. Is there really a culture of abuse toward women in our military?

4. Has there been an increase in sexual assault in this last decade?

5. What did you learn from the women veteran's stories?

6. What is the data on numbers and who commits these crimes?

7. Tell us about sexual predators in the military.

8. Is it true that women are considered government property and there is no justice for them?

9. What are the latest numbers and have they increased or decreased?

10. Is there or has there been a cover up?

11. What are the male attitudes like toward women in the military?

12. Can you tell us about some of the women who were sexually assaulted?

13. What needs to be done to end this culture of abuse toward women in our military?

14. What can the public do to help bring about this change?