

“BULGARIAN ARMED FORCES WOMEN ASSOCIATION” - (BUAFWA)

- BUAFWA is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) registered according to the Bulgarian Legislation
- Why BUAFWA is a NGO?
- Because there is para in the Bulgarian Defence Act which states: “In peacetime military may associate to carry out activities of mutual interest”.

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- Implementation of the UNSCRs in the Security Sector in Bulgaria
- Studying the social interests and needs of the female/male military.
- To assist the leadership of the Ministry of Defence and the Defence Staff of the Bulgarian Armed Forces, when conducting social and professional programmes, consultations and sociological studies, concerning the female/male military.
- Working out specific proposals for improvement of the system for professional recruiting, retention, training, education, career development, realization and social adaptation of the female military during the regular service and when going to the reserve.
- Participation in the working out of law projects and other normative documents, concerning the social status and the professional development of the military personnel with focus on female military.
- Ensuring legal assistance to the members of the Association and their families.
- Initiating and implementing different programmes for supporting the families of members of missions abroad; the families of the casualties (deceased members) and the “Children of the Bulgarian Armed Forces” Foundation, etc.



Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria



The Bulgarian Armed Forces Women Association is an advisory body to the Minister of Defence on gender related policies for the Armed Forces. It promotes gender mainstreaming as a strategy for making women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programmes and military operations.

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The Executive Committee of the Bulgarian Armed Forces Women Association (BUAFWA) serves as the Secretariat of the BUAFWA and the advisor to the BUAFWA Chairperson.

It has 15 members, representatives from **all services** and **all military ranks**

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