

PREGNANCY RESULTING FROM MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA

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This study explored the experience of pregnancy from military sexual trauma on enlisted US service women, applying attachment and trauma theory as scaffolding for exploring the women's experiences. A qualitative, grounded theory research methodology was used to analyze single-sessions interview data with seven self-selected participants. Five major themes emerged from the data. The discussion addresses the implications of military culture and its traumatic impact on attachment security and trauma enactments as well as of future research regarding how medical providers and psychotherapists can begin to address the traumatic impact of this silent epidemic of pregnancy resulting from rape.