

## Veterans of Domestic Wars Survivor Medallions

Veterans of Domestic Wars Survivor Medallions were designed and created by Breaking the Silence, a Fresno based not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about child abuse by community education and survivor empowerment. Breaking the Silence awards these medallions to survivors of any form of domestic war (child abuse, interpersonal violence, stalking, sexual assault, homophobic bullying or assault, sexual harassment, and so on) who choose to break their silence in any way.

The text on the medallion is "Veterans of Domestic Wars" on top and "Survivor" on the bottom. The symbol on each side is the symbol for power. The hands in the center signify unity and diversity.

Any survivor of any form of domestic war only needs to contact Breaking the Silence at [BreakingTheSilence@DragonPack.Com](mailto:BreakingTheSilence@DragonPack.Com) to claim his or her medallion. The medallions are generally awarded in a ceremony, where others can bear witness to their survivorship. For those long distance, if Breaking the Silence can't setup a ceremony at their location and they can't come to one in Fresno, the medallions are awarded via mail. All expenses for the medallions are paid by Breaking the Silence.

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