

WAR AT HOME

A Call to Reform the Military Justice System and to Give Voice to the Ones Who Need to Break the Silence, Destroy the Stigma and End the Cycle of Abuse

How many active-duty service personnel show up each day to serve this country, but, instead of appreciation, they endure hazing, sexual harassment, and abuse? How many take their own lives, unable to find relief from ongoing, uninvited abuse from within their branch of service? How many service members struggle with mental health issues?

Trauma from abuse can crush your spirit unless you confront your enemies. After years of stuffing her emotions, putting on a happy face, and enduring hardship like a good airman, Jakia Lindley realized she needed to stand toe-to-toe against her foes. She needed to fight back.

War at Home is a candid, vulnerable account of the way the sexual, misogynistic, and racist violence of the military seeped through Jakia's entire life. As a woman serving in the military, Jakia faced discrimination, harassment, and abuse from those in power, and, as a woman of color, she was met with outright racism. In this raw, inspiring memoir, Jakia's retelling of the wars she's been through proves that fighting back and healing starts with something as seemingly small as standing up for ourselves.

This book is dedicated to the countless marines, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and guardians that suffer in silence and were ultimately let down by a system that was supposed to protect us. This is for all of you.



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From an early age, Jakia Lindley dreamed of being a judge, an attorney, or somehow being a part of something bigger than herself. She joined the military in 2010 and is currently a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Lindley studied criminal justice and psychology at the American Military University before switching her focus to business management.

Aside from writing, her passions in life are uplifting others, teaching as a Certified Master Resiliency Trainer and as a Certified Department of Defense Sexual Assault Advocate, fine food and wine, art, music, and last, but certainly not least, binge-watching her favorite shows. Jakia Lindley was born in Memphis, Tennessee, raised in Canton, Ohio, and now resides with her husband and daughter in Hawaii, where she is currently learning to surf.