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Shelly Nichols

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'Women at War' receives NAMMY award

"Women At War: Warrior Songs Vol. 2" won the Best Pop Recording award during the Native American Music Awards held Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Seneca Niagara Hotel & Casino in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The compact disc includes the song "Warrior Wings," written by Tribal member Shelly Nichols with music by Anna Wang.

Nichols, a Navy veteran, wrote "Warrior Wings" with Garrett Stahl about her experiences serving in the U.S. Navy during which she experienced military sexual trauma.



To hear Nichols discuss her journey and song, visit www.spreaker.com/ user/smokesignals/ss-podcast-32-shelly-nichols

The lyrics were sent to classically trained pianist Wang, who recorded the song in June 2018 with Nichols providing backing vocals on the track.

"Warrior Songs Vol. 2" was released on Nov. 10, 2018. To listen to Nichols' song, visit warriorsongs.org/track/1564075/warrior-wings. ■

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