

VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans Membership Profile

Colonel Shirley Quarles, R.N., F.A.A.N, Ed.D., U.S. Army Reserves, Retired, Chair, served in the US Army Reserve Nurse Corps, with 28 years of both active and reserve service. Dr. Quarles is also Professor and Department Chair at the Medical College of Georgia Health Sciences University—School of Nursing, and an affiliate Professor at Emory University, School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to these roles, she served as Director of Women’s Health Research Initiatives and Clinical Practice Guidelines Coordinator for the Atlanta Research and Education Foundation at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. Dr. Quarles was mobilized in support of both Desert Shield Storm (Assistant Officer in Charge of the Mobilization/Demobilization Center, Fort Bragg, NC) and OEF/OIF (General Staff Officer—G1, 81st Regional Readiness Command, Birmingham, AL). Dr. Quarles completed her post doctoral studies in Clinical Nursing Interventions at Emory University’s School of Nursing, received an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration and Research Education, a M.Ed. in Community Health Education, and a B.S. in Nursing Science. As a Colonel, Dr. Quarles completed US Army War College and received a Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies (MSS). She is also a former council member of the Tri-Service (US Army, Navy and Air Force) Nursing Research Program. Dr. Quarles was selected as a Fellow in both the American Academy of Nursing (2008) and the American Council on Education (2011). She has been actively engaged with Advisory Committee on Women Veterans since 2005.

Commander Sherri Brown, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1992, with a bachelor’s of science degree in Marine Transportation and received her juris doctorate degree from the George Washington University Law School. She is also a member of the Virginia bar. Commander Brown is currently the Senior Vice President for Service to the Armed Forces for the American Red Cross. In this role, she provides oversight and direction for worldwide American Red Cross programs and services for military members, Veterans, and their families. Prior to assuming her position at the American Red Cross, she served in several positions with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), where her accomplishments included development of the IRS’ five-year Strategic Plan and leading the development of legislative change proposals to help reduce the “Tax Gap.” Commander Brown also serves as the legal advisor to the Reserve Branch Chief for Contingency Planning for the Fifth Coast Guard District.

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Phillip Carter, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, enlisted in 1968, achieving the rank of gunnery sergeant and then was commissioned as an officer in 1976, through the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Program. He has a bachelor’s degree in history from Salisbury State University. Colonel served in numerous leadership positions throughout his military career to include executive officer and training officer for the 9th Motor Transport Battalion in Okinawa; operations officer for the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, and as its Executive Officer during Desert Shield and Desert Storm; commanding officer for the 1st Recruit Training Battalion in San Diego, where his unit was recognized by the California legislature; and instructor and director of curriculum and media relations at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA. For his service in the Persian Gulf War, Colonel Carter was

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decorated for valor. His various medals include the Legion of Merit, the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V", the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. He possesses extensive expertise in long range planning and team building, and is an accomplished briefer and public speaker. Colonel Carter is currently the lead detective of the economic crimes section for the Sarasota Police Department in Florida.

Captain Nancy A. Glowacki, U.S. Army Reserves, Retired, enlisted in 1994 and received her commission in 1998. She served as the liaison officer for the 4th Psychological Operations (PSYOP) Group, Fort Bragg, serving as the command's subject matter expert on reserve component issues, and facilitated the mobilization and deployment of reserve forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Glowacki also served as commander of the Product Development Detachment for the 324th Tactical PSYOP Company in Aurora, CO, and the Multinational Division (North) in Bosnia-Herzegovina, leading mission analysis, intelligence gathering, target selection, and development of multi-media advertising campaigns, and was instrumental in the planning and execution of the largest psychological operations reserves mobilization in history. She was medically discharged as a captain in 2005. Captain Glowacki then worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs as the primary coordinator for a national Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment initiative targeting Servicemembers pending medical separation from the military. She received a bachelor's degree in technology from Pittsburg State University, a masters degree in business administration from Baker College Center for Graduate Studies, and a doctorate of management from University of Phoenix. Captain Glowacki currently owns a consulting firm, specializing in employment and special challenges of disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Global War on Terrorism.

Colonel Nancy Kaczor, U.S. Air Force, Retired, served more than 26 years. Throughout her career, Colonel Kaczor served in various leadership positions at base, wing, major command, and combatant command-levels. She served as commander of the 386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group in Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait, responsible for expeditionary combat support for combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and command oversight and accountability for Air Force security forces, civil engineers, and communications personnel embedded in Army units in Kuwait, Southern Iraq, and Saudi Arabia. Colonel Kaczor was appointed as a senior military liaison to the Joint Staff Logistics Directorate and Headquarters European Command during Operations Nobel Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. She also served as the contingency support team commander in Kosovo, and a senior official inquiries officer for the Air Force Inspector General at the Pentagon, where she investigated allegations of serious misconduct against senior officials. Her awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and Bronze Star. Colonel Kaczor retired from the Air Force in 2007. Following her retirement, Colonel Kaczor served as the senior aerospace science instructor for Greenfield High School's Air Force Junior ROTC program in Wisconsin. She is active in a number of service organizations and programs, to include The American Legion, American Veterans, United Church of Christ Confirmation Mentor program, Wisconsin Honor Flight, schools, and her Neighborhood Association Board.

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Lindsay Long served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1997 to 1998 as an aviation electronics technician trainee. She was meritoriously promoted to the rank of private first class and then lance corporal. Ms. Long is currently a utility operator at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and serves as the American Indian representative for the Department of Energy's Native American Committee. She has an associate's degree in environmental health. Ms. Long is a member of various state and non-profit women Veterans' organizations, such as the Women Marines Association, Women Veterans of America, and the East Tennessee Women Veterans Network, and volunteers to assist with various local homeless Veterans initiatives. Ms. Long is the Program Coordinator for Casting for Recovery, East Tennessee, as well as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. She is as a member of the Hopi and Ohkay Owingeh (formerly San Juan Pueblo) tribes.

Specialist Latoya Lucas, U.S. Army, Retired, served from 1999-2004 as a heavy construction equipment mechanic/driver. She deployed to Iraq with the 52nd Engineer Battalion Combat Heavy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. While serving there, Specialist Lucas was critically wounded during an enemy ambush in Mosul, Iraq. In addition to the Purple Heart medal she received for being wounded in combat, Specialist Lucas earned an Army Combat Action Badge for her participation during combat action, The Meritorious Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service and dedication to duty, an Army Commendation Medal for dedication, loyalty and courage while logging over 1000 miles of combat theater driving. She was medically retired in 2004. Currently, Specialist Lucas is a motivational speaker and is actively involved with organizations dedicated to disabilities and Veterans service. She currently serves as the chairperson for the Veterans Committee of the North Carolina Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council.

Sara McVicker, U.S. Army, served in the Army Nurses Corps from 1968-1971, to include a tour in Vietnam where she was a staff nurse and head nurse at the 71st Evacuation Hospital and received a Bronze Star for meritorious service. She received a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Nursing and a master of nursing from Emory University, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. She was an instructor and assistant professor at the University of Virginia School of Nursing; started the infection control program at Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina; and then joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as an infection control practitioner. Ms. McVicker retired after 27 years in the Veterans Health Administration, where her last position was as clinical program manager for the Office of Primary and Ambulatory Care in VA Central Office. She is currently active in Vietnam Veterans of America, serving as Secretary for the Maryland State Council and on the National Board of Directors.

First Sergeant Delphine Metcalf-Foster, U.S. Army Reserves, Retired, served from 1976-1996, as Chief advisor to the company commander. She also was also employed as a quality assurance work leader for the Department of the Navy from 1975-1996. First Sergeant Metcalf-Foster has a bachelors of arts in liberal studies from Sonoma State University, and an associate's degree in psychology from Solano Community College. From 1990-1992, she deployed in support of Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield, receiving the

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Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. She also earned the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. First Sergeant Metcalf-Foster currently serves as an active member of Representative George Miller's VA advisory board, a member of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of California's Women's Committee, DAV's National Executive Committee person for California, and a member of DAV's National Board of Directors. She is also a former DAV Department of California Commander and worked closely with DAV's National Organization to build better lives for disabled Veterans, their families, and survivors.

Lieutenant Colonel Terry Moore, U.S. Air Force, Retired, served in several operational Commands at the base, group, wing and major command levels, including a remote tour to the Republic of Korea, Joint Task Force Bravo at Soto Cano AB, Honduras, and Operation Provide Comfort in Turkey. She was commander of the 62d Maintenance Squadron at McChord Air Force Base (AFB) in Washington; maintenance officer-in-charge of the 319th Maintenance Squadron and the 319th Blue and Red Sortie Generation Flights; United States Transportation Command Business Center's Assessment and Standards team member; senior executive officer for Air Mobility Command, Directorate of Logistics; and Air Force Academy Directorate of Curriculum and Scheduling staff officer. She earned master's degrees in adult education from the University of Southern Maine and in advanced study of air mobility (ASAM) from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and is a 1999 distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff College. Lieutenant Colonel Moore retired from the United States Air Force in 2003. She currently serves as chair of the Maine Women Veterans' Commission, Governor of Maine aide-de-camp, Board of Trustees for Maine Veterans' Homes, and as a member of advisory committees, as well as professional and Veterans service organizations.

Robin Patrick, U.S. Navy Reserves and Army National Guard, served in the U. S. Navy from 1979-1983 and the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1983-1987 as an aviation mechanic, and the Virginia Army National Guard from 1987-1990 in administration. She received a bachelor of science in special education and a masters of arts in urban education/counseling from Norfolk State University. She is a retired special education counselor for the Portsmouth, Virginia/Virginia Beach Public Schools. She also served as chairperson and vice-chairperson for the Virginia Beach Mayor's Committee for Disabled Persons. Ms. Patrick is active in Veterans service activities, such as working with community churches to create a Veterans outreach program, coordinating homeless Veterans initiatives in Virginia and rural North Carolina, and organizing monthly educational and social outings for women Veterans. She is an active member of Disabled American Veterans, and serves as the chairperson for the Community Resource Network, which provides advocacy to homeless Veterans, disabled adults, and families.

Colonel Felipe Torres, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, served in various leadership positions throughout his military career. He enlisted in 1966 and was selected for Warrant Officer in 1972 and then selected for Officer Candidate School and the Basic School in 1973. Colonel Torres received a masters degree in management from Webster University, a bachelor of applied arts and sciences degree in occupational education from Southwest Texas State

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University, and completed doctoral work at the University of the Incarnate Word. His career included service in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1968 to March 1969, where he was meritoriously combat-promoted twice and awarded the Silver Star Medal. His many military accomplishments include building and directing the Marine Corps Corrections School at the Air Force Security Police Academy, Lackland Air Force Bases in 1982; and serving as Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, Security Battalion at Quantico Marine Corps Base in 1985, as commanding officer of the Military Police Company at Camp Pendleton in 1986, as the Advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps on Equal Opportunity Matters and as Head, Manpower Equal Opportunity Branch. Colonel Torres retired in November 2000 after more than 34 years of active service. He was appointed to the Department of Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) from 2007-2011, and served as the Chairman of the Women's Wellness Subcommittee, receiving a Medal for Exceptional Public Service in 2011 from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for his outstanding service as a member of DACOWITS.