



## BIOS – February 22, 2018

**Terri Kane** retired from the Army after serving 20 years. She became the Veterans Service Officer at the North Carolina State Veterans Home in Fayetteville in 2008 and the North Carolina State Women Veterans Coordinator in 2010 as an additional duty. She and a team of state, federal, corporate, non-profit, and Veterans organizations are working on their third biennial Women MilVets Summit and Expo. She continues to serve Veterans across the state, with a focus on women Veterans, as an advisory board member for Dress for Success and other local and statewide organizations.

**Annette Stevenson** is an Army Veteran who served ten years on active duty. She is a seasoned professional with 30+ years of work experience in various sectors of industry including Federal and State Government, as well as Corporate America. Prior to starting her own company, The Stevenson Consulting Group, Annette worked at SAS Institute for 18 years in procurement. For the past 13 years, she served as the Supplier Diversity Manager where she was responsible for advancing the goals and objectives of SAS' supplier diversity initiatives. Annette serves on several nonprofit boards including the North Carolina Veterans Business Association and the Governor's Advisory Council for Historically Underutilized Businesses. Annette is also an Advisory member for the National Veterans Business Development Council.

**Shenekia Williams-Johnson, RN, BSN, MAOM**, is the Lead, Women's Veteran Program Manager, with the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Mid-Atlantic Healthcare Network, which includes 7 medical centers and 34 Outpatient Clinics in North Carolina and Virginia. In this key role, she is responsible for improving access to care and continuity of care; integrating targeted initiatives for coordinating primary care, mental health and gender specific care; increasing participation in preventive care and health promotion; supporting change to promote safe and welcoming environments for 60,000+ Women Veterans. During the first year in her role, she awarded over \$1.5M on privacy and security construction projects and purchased over \$1M of women's health medical equipment. She serves as a point of contact to the medical centers regarding women's health, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender, and Operation Enduring Freedom Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn Veteran (OIF/OIF/OND), and the Comprehensive Family Caregiver Support Program issues. She organized the expansion of Tele Mental Health, Tele GYN, Tele Chronic Disease Management, and Tele Maternity services for women Veterans, to include Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Shenekia proudly served our nation in the United States Navy Nurse Corps for 13 years and was honorably discharged at the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Dr. **Amy Smith** earned a Doctor of Psychology degree from Regent University in 2010. She completed an APA-accredited, pre-doctoral internship at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and an APA-accredited, post-doctoral fellowship with special emphasis on MST-related issues, PTSD treatment, and gender-specific care at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. She has been a North Carolina Licensed Staff Psychologist for the US Department of Veterans Affairs since 2011 and has served as the MST Coordinator at the Hefner VAMC in Salisbury since 2013. Dr. Smith is the daughter of a Vietnam Veteran and grateful for the opportunity to serve Veterans in the state of NC where she was raised.

**Marie Stewart** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator at the Durham VA Medical Center. Ms. Stewart received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at North Carolina State University and her Master's

Degree in Social Work from Norfolk State University. Ms. Stewart has practiced as Clinical Social Work for the past 23 years, and has a broad range of experience working with children, adults and families. At the Durham VA Medical Center, where she coordinates the Military Sexual Trauma program, she provides trauma focused treatments to Veterans whom have experienced Military Sexual Trauma, childhood abuse and exposure to combat resulting in symptoms associated with Anxiety, Depression, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other trauma related conditions. Ms. Stewart is also a part of a Comprehensive Women's Health Mental Health Program, that provides individual and group therapy for Female Veterans whom experienced Military Sexual Trauma and other psychosocial stressors which impact women's daily lives. She is a certified provider of Cognitive Processing Therapy and Prolonged Exposure Therapy, which are evidenced based therapies for the treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Ms. Stewart feels honored and privileged to work with Veterans. She is dedicated to provide effective treatment to empower and educate Veterans with skills to improve the overall quality of their lives.

**Michelle Blanding** is currently the North Carolina Program Director for Family Endeavors which is a nonprofit agency funded through the Department of Veterans Affairs where they rapidly re-house homeless Veterans in 42 counties throughout NC. Michelle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Master of Arts in Counseling. Michelle has provided supportive services for families and children spanning 18 years in the Human Services Field with focus on prevention, intervention, and crisis management. In addition, she serves on various advisory boards and committees throughout the local and national regions. In 2017, her agency was awarded the VA Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service for Homeless Veterans, which recognizes the top achievers in the field. She is a dedicated professional with strong organizational and managerial skills, which are vital when assisting Veterans and their families through the various phases of their housing process. Additionally, Michelle is a proud, Army Veteran who served honorably for 5 years. She lives in Fayetteville, NC and is married to her husband of 17 years who is currently serving in the United States Army as a Sergeant Major at the Office of the Surgeon General (Falls Church, VA). They have four wonderful children and a loving Chihuahua.

**Paul Berry** retired in 2016 from the United States Marine Corps as a Sergeant Major after 30 years of service. He has vast experience working with organizations that support our active duty, guard, reserve and veterans. Paul has many overseas deployments to include Somalia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. Paul also served 3 years as the senior enlisted advisor to all of the Marine Corps Recruiters in North Carolina. This is where Paul gained a greater understanding of the people of North Carolina and their commitment to the military and their families. His primary mission while in uniform was to take care of our military and their family members while deployed and when they return. After retiring from the Marine Corps Paul and his wife moved Raleigh, North Carolina to be closer to family. It was of paramount importance for him to continue taking care of our service members. Paul officially joined the Warrior and Family Programs team as the NCServes Network Director and Programs Manger in October 2017.