



**U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
8TH ANNUAL SUMMIT AND RECEPTION**

**TACTICAL TOOLS FOR SUCCESS:
A SUMMIT ON HEALTHCARE, HIRING, AND HOUSING**

MARCH 15, 2016

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

12:00 P.M. — 1:00 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Leon Harris, Anchor, ABC/WJLA-TV

WELCOME

MG Dee Ann McWilliams, USA (Ret)
President of AWF

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

COL Alice Demarais, USA (Ret)

1:00 P.M. — 2:00 P.M.

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

2:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Summit Moderator
BG Gary Profit, USA (Ret)
Senior Director of Military Programs, Walmart

2:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.

HEALTHCARE PANEL

Moderator: COL Alice Demarais, USA (Ret)
COL Lucretia McClenny, USA (Ret), RN, MSN
Commissioner on the VA Commission on Care
COL Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, USA (Ret), MD, MPH,
Chief of Mental Health, Washington DC, and Virginia
Community Based Outpatient Clinics
COL Deydre Teyhen, USA
Assistant Chief of Staff, Public Health and Director,
System for Health & Performance Triad
Cathleen Wiblemo
Democratic Staff Director, Subcommittee on Health,
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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

3:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M.

HIRING PANEL

Moderator: BG Gary Profit, USA (Ret)

Senior Director of Military Programs, Walmart

Jim Beamesderfer

Director, Veterans Initiatives, Prudential

Lisa J. Ford

Women Veteran Program Manager, Helmets to Hardhats

LTC Teresa W. Gerton, USA (Ret)

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Labor

CAPT Steve Jordon, USN (Ret)

Program Manager Veterans Employment Initiative, Northern Virginia Technology Council

4:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M.

HOUSING PANEL

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Fuller

Director of The Center for Regional Analysis,
School of Public Policy at George Mason University

MG Timothy McHale, USA (Ret)

President and CEO, Homes for our Troops

Kimberly Mitchell

President, Easter Seals Dixon Center

Dr. Lisa Sturtevant

Vice President of Research, National Housing Conference

5:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.

RECEPTION

MG Dee Ann McWilliams, USA (Ret)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

General Richard Cody, USA (Ret)

Corporate Senior Vice President, L-3 Corporation

RECOGNITION OF VIPs IN ATTENDANCE

MG Dee Ann McWilliams, USA (Ret)

President of AWF

and

CSM Cindy Pritchett, USA (Ret)

1st Vice President of AWF

REMARKS

LTG Patricia Horoho, USA (Ret)

CLOSING REMARKS

BG Anne Macdonald, USA (Ret)

2016 SUMMIT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Award-winning journalist **LEON HARRIS** anchors the 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts for ABC7/WJLA-TV. Mr. Harris' work has earned him a number of honors, among them multiple CableAce awards for Best Newscaster, and National Emmy Awards for coverage of the September 11 terror attack, the Oklahoma City bombing and the 2000 presidential election. He was honored with a National Headliner Award and more recently with a National Capital Area Emmy Award for Best Anchor. He is a Cum Laude and honorary doctorate recipient from Ohio University.

MG DEE ANN MCWILLIAMS, USA (Ret) is President of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation. Prior to her retirement from the U.S. Army she was the Acting Director of the Institute for National Intelligence for the Director of National Intelligence. MG McWilliams holds degrees from Lon Morris College and Stephen F. Austin University. Additionally, she graduated from Texas Woman's University and the National War College. She serves on the board of directors for Lon Morris College, US Army Women's Foundation, and Women in Military Service Association/Women's Memorial at Arlington Cemetery.

GEN RICHARD A. CODY, USA (Ret) is a Corporate Senior Vice President and Officer for L-3 Communications Corporation. During his 36+ years of service, General Cody served in six of the Army's combat divisions, the 25th Infantry Division, the 2nd Infantry Division, the 24th Infantry Division, (MECH), the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 1st Cavalry Division and the 4th Infantry Division (MECH). He served as the 31st Vice Chief of Staff, Army from June 2004 to August 2008. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He is a master Army Aviator, rated in over 19 Helicopters and has over 5000 hours of flight time. He is the Chairman of the Board and National Chairman for Homes for Our Troops, Chairman, National Trust for Wounded Warriors, and Board Trustee of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

CSM CINDY PRITCHETT, USA (Ret) retired from the U.S. Army in 2010 after over 36 years of service. She is the First Vice President of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Women in Military Service for America Memorial (WIMSA), JPMorgan Chase Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Council, Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-Wise) Advisory Council and the St. Stephen Catholic School Board.

BG ANNE MACDONALD, USA (Ret) graduated from West Point in 1980 in the first gender integrated class, and subsequently served over 30 years in the Army leading and building highly effective teams. BG Macdonald is a senior Army aviator qualified as an UH60 Blackhawk pilot, a paratrooper, and is air assault qualified. Key assignments in the Army include serving as the Deputy Director of Operations, Military Command Center, Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Pentagon; Deputy Commanding General, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, Colorado later designated Division West, First Army and Fort Carson; and Chief of Staff, United States Army Reserve Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia. She holds a bachelor of science from the United States Military Academy and two masters degrees; one in System's

Management from the University of Southern California and the other in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Air War College. Macdonald retired from active duty in 2011 as a Brigadier General with multiple awards and distinctions. She currently serves as an executive coach and seminar facilitator with True Growth Leadership. Additionally, Anne and her husband, John, volunteer to facilitate an annual West Point Ethics and Leadership Seminar for the faculty members of 45 High Schools in the DC Metro area.

HEALTHCARE PANEL

MODERATOR: COL ALICE DEMARAIS, USA (RET) served for over 30 years as a military nurse in the Navy Nurse Corps and the Army Nurse Corps. A graduate of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, COL Demarais had assignments in Europe, Korea and the United States, to include Alaska. She held staff and leadership positions at all levels throughout her career. COL Demarais' career culminated as the commander of the U.S. Army Medical Activity and Reynolds Army Community Hospital at Ft. Sill, OK. COL Demarais was selected for this position as one of the first non-physician brigade level commanders in the Army Medical Department. Following her retirement from active service, COL Demarais joined the TRICARE managed care support contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, from 2002 to 2012. She now volunteers at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix and Minneapolis. COL Demarais holds masters degrees from Webster University in Health Facilities Management and from Weidner University in Burn, Emergency and Trauma Nursing. She is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

COL LUCRETIA M. MCCLENNEY, USA (RET), R.N., MSN is currently serving as a Commissioner on the VA Commission on Care. She also serves as a consultant with the Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration Office and Executive Coach with the Brookings Institute Executive Education Program. She is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College Fellowship Program at George Washington University. Ms. McClenney received her Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Murray State University, and Masters of Science Degree in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing from Catholic University, Washington, DC. She served 30 years in the Army and retired as a Colonel in November 2001. Both COL McClenney's military and civilian awards/decorations are numerous ranging from the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (seven oak leaf clusters), to the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for her significant contribution to the mission of the U.S. Army and Department of Defense in assisting with the production of the book, For Children of Valor - Arlington National Cemetery.

COL ELSPETH CAMERON RITCHIE, USA (RET), MD, MPH is a forensic psychiatrist with special expertise in military and veteran's issues. She recently joined the Washington DC VA, as Chief of the Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Prior to that assignment, she was the Chief Clinical Officer, Department of Behavioral Health, for the District of Columbia. She retired from the U.S. Army in 2010, after holding numerous leadership positions within Army Medicine, to include the Psychiatry Consultant. She trained at Harvard, George Washington, Walter Reed, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and has completed fellowships


in both forensic and preventive and disaster psychiatry. She is a Professor of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Georgetown University, and Howard University School of Medicine. She has over 200 publications, mainly in the areas of forensic, disaster, suicide, ethics, military combat psychiatry, and women's health issues. She is the senior editor on the just published volumes: "Forensic and Ethical Issues in Military Behavioral Health", "Women at War", and "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Related Diseases in Combat Veterans: A Clinical Casebook."

COL DEYDRE S. TEYHEN, USA joins us from the Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army where she serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Public Health and the Director, System for Health & Performance Triad. COL Teyhen received her Bachelor of Arts in Sports Science at Ohio Wesleyan University, earned her Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from the U.S. Army-Baylor University, completed her Ph.D. in Biomechanics from the University of Texas, and received her Doctoral Degree in Physical Therapy from the Baylor University in 2008. COL Teyhen was a distinguished graduate at the U.S. Army War College's Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. Her research has focused on injury prevention and rehabilitation with a special emphasis on Soldier health and medical readiness and her accomplishments include over four million dollars in research grants, 70 peer-reviewed publications, 110 research presentations at conferences, and 120 invited lectures. COL Teyhen currently serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy, is a board-certified Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, and a certified Health Promotion Director through the Cooper Institute.

CATHLEEN WIBLEMO has been with the Democratic Committee Staff for over 9 years working primarily on veteran health issues. Before coming to the Subcommittee on Health, Cathy worked for The American Legion National Office in Washington D.C. for over 7 years working on Department of Veterans Affairs issues including disability claims, burial benefits and health policy. Cathy is a U.S. Army veteran. Cathy spent nearly 10 years in the United States Army as an officer in the Adjutant General Corps and 10 more years in the Individual Ready Reserve. She obtained her Masters in Health Administration in 1999 from Chapman University, Orange, CA. She is a graduate of Black Hills State University, Spearfish South Dakota.

HIRING PANEL

MODERATOR: BG GARY M. PROFIT, USA (RET) is currently Senior Director of Military Programs, Walmart, where he directs a synchronized enterprise strategy and complementary implementing programs to attract, recruit, hire, grow, develop, and retain talent from military community constituencies. BG Profit serves on the National Advisory Council of the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans at Arkansas State University, the Executive Advisory Council of Mission: Readiness Military Leaders for Kids, and is a member of the Franklin Project at the Aspen Institute. After more than 31 years of U.S. Army service, BG Gary M Profit retired on February 28, 2006. His uniformed military career culminated with a capstone assignment as Deputy Chief, Army Reserve/Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Command for Management, Resources and Support. He received a Bachelor of Science in



Economics from Eastern Michigan University, earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan, a Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Naval Warfare, Naval War College. BG Profit's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and several others.

CPT JAMES BEAMESDERFER, USA (RET) is a Vice President for Prudential's Veterans Initiatives. He is responsible for the company's internal veterans' programs, which includes supporting Diversity and Inclusion activities, implementing the communications strategy and overseeing philanthropic activity in coordination with internal business partners. Prior to joining Prudential, CPT Beamesderfer was a captain in the U.S. Army, serving six years in Infantry units. CPT Beamesderfer has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from The United States Military Academy at West Point and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

LISA J. FORD, USMC (RET) is the Women Veteran Program Manager for the Helmets to Hardhats (H2H) program. Lisa is a United States Marine Corps veteran from Dallas, TX and has been an advocate and supporter of the Armed Forces community her entire adult life. She has been appointed to the North America's Building Trades Unions standing Women in the Trades Committee, whose primary focus is developing recruitment, retention, and leadership development strategies for women in the trades.

LTC TERESA W. GERTON, USA (RET) is currently serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Veterans' Employment and Training Service. Ms. Gerton brings 28 years of service as both an active duty Army officer and a civilian member of the Senior Executive Service. She has a broad range of experience in all aspects of Defense resource and logistics management at various organizational levels, driving process efficiencies and optimizing information systems. Ms. Gerton's 20 years of military service included a variety of staff and leadership positions, including the Executive Officer for the Army's largest battalion (a 1200-soldier corps support maintenance battalion at Fort Hood), Professor of Economics at the United States Military Academy, and Company Commander of a 300-person direct support maintenance company in Germany. Ms. Gerton graduated from the United States Military Academy and earned an MBA from Duke University. She earned the Distinguished Presidential Rank award in 2011 and the Meritorious Presidential Rank award in 2008. She also received the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service in 2011.

CAPT STEPHEN W. JORDON, USN (RET) is the Program Manager for the Northern Virginia Technology Council's (NVTC) Veterans Employment Initiative (VEI) which focuses on a business driven approach to addressing the significant challenge of military members transitioning from the uniformed services to civilian employment. Prior to assuming his present position, CAPT Jordan spent over 30 years in the Navy and retired in 2012. Mr. Jordan holds a Certificate in Non-Profit Management and is the Chairman of the Emma Jordan Kidz Fighting Cancer Foundation. He serves on the boards of the Parent and Children Fighting Cancer Foundation at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Joint Base Andrews Fisher House, and is a member of the Steering Committee for the Virginia Values Veteran (V3) program for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

HOUSING PANEL

MODERATOR: STEPHEN S. FULLER, PH.D. joined the faculty at George Mason University in 1994 as Professor of Public Policy and Regional Development. He served as Director of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy from July 1998 to June 2000 and from July 2001 to July 2002. He also serves as Director of the Center for Regional Analysis. In September 2001, the GMU Board of Visitors appointed him University Professor and in July 2002 he was named to the Dwight Schar Faculty Chair. Dr. Fuller received a B.A. in Economics from Rutgers University and his Doctorate in Regional Planning and Economic Development from Cornell University. He has authored more than 750 articles, papers, and reports in the field of urban and regional economic development including monthly reports on the Washington metropolitan area and Fairfax County economies. He is a member of the CFO Advisory Group of the District of Columbia. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Global Environment and Technology Foundation and Tompkins Builders Inc., a DC-based company.

LISA STURTEVANT, PHD is President of Lisa Sturtevant & Associates, LLC, an Alexandria, Virginia-based consulting firm specializing in housing market analysis, affordable housing needs assessment and program and policy evaluation. From 2013 to 2016, Dr. Sturtevant served as Vice President for Research of the National Housing Conference (NHC) and Director of the Center for Housing Policy. Prior to working at NHC, Dr. Sturtevant was Deputy Director of the Center for Regional Analysis and Associate Research Professor at the George Mason University School of Public Policy. Dr. Sturtevant completed her PhD in public policy from George Mason University in May 2006. She received her master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland in 2000, and a bachelor's degree in mathematical economics from Wake Forest University in 1994.

MG TIMOTHY P. MCHALE, USA (RET) is currently the President/CEO of Homes for Our Troops (HFOT), a national non-profit organization assisting severely injured Veterans who spend all or part of their daily lives confined to a wheelchair. HFOT provides these veterans and their family at no cost, a high quality barrier free home by raising donations of money, building materials and professional labor and then coordinates the process of building a home that provides maximum freedom of movement and the ability to live more independently. MG McHale held several key staff positions on the Department of the Army Staff, The Joint Staff, US Forces Korea, Multi-National Forces-Iraq, and US Forces Afghanistan. He holds Master's Degrees in Management from Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island, and National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He is a former National Security Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

KIMBERLY MITCHELL is the President and Co-Founder of Easter Seals Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services, President of Consult Alliances, Inc., and Vice President of Sutherland Partnership, Inc. As a vocal advocate for our military service members, veterans, military families and families of the fallen, Kim frequently speaks at non-profit and corporate conferences and in communities across the country. Having been adopted by an Airman from an orphanage in Da'Nang Vietnam at the height of the Vietnam War, she is also recognized as an advocate for our Vietnam era veterans. She is the official spokesperson for the Department of Defense 50 Year Vietnam War Commemoration Committee and participates in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and the annual Vietnam Veteran Honor flight events.

PANEL RESOURCES

Department of Labor

To learn more about how DOL VETS supports veterans, visit:

<http://www.dol.gov/vets>

View or download the Employment Assistance for Women Veterans webinar and useful handouts at:

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/womenveterans/>

Find an American Job Center in your local area at:

<http://www.servicelocator.org>

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www.hfotusa.org/Prudential

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Veteran Employment Initiative

To learn more about the Veteran Employment Initiative visit:

www.nvtc.org/veterans

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Walmart

For more information on Walmart's hiring opportunities please visit:

www.corporate.walmart.com

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation will award the following scholarships this year to Army women and their children.

CHILDREN OF ARMY WOMEN LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 4-YEAR COLLEGE

Adriana Einwechter, PA - *Walmart*
Neumann University

Grace Finley, WA
Campbellsville University

Trayvon Foy, WA
Whitman College

Madeline Garcia, CA - *Prudential*
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University of Phoenix

Diamond Williams, VA
Old Dominion University

Robert Young, LA - *Prudential*
Louisiana State University

CHILDREN OF ARMY WOMEN LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Sandra Shelton, OR
Rogue Community College

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ARMY WOMEN LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 4-YEAR COLLEGE

SSG Cristian Arreaza, CA
Cal State San Marcos

SPC Kiara Dees, GA
Clayton State University

SPC Samantha Frederick, OR
Oregon State University

SGT Ashley Gorbulja, OH
The University of Akron

SPC Krystal Hankins, VA
Averett University

SGT Annette Montoya, CT - *Walmart*
University of Connecticut

SPC Trang Pham, VA
Virginia Commonwealth University,
School of Nursing

April Snowden, AZ - *L-3 Communications*
Arizona State University

Sharon Stewart, AL
American Military University

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Patricia Gregar, WI - *AWF/Kinney*
Moraine Park Technical College

PVT Stephanie Mahoney, OR
Umpqua Community College

Isa Marie McIntyre, CA
Woodland Community College

GRADUATE STUDIES LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Fayetteville State University

Melissa Boyd, NJ
Rutgers University

MAJ Billie Cartwright, OR
Arizona State University

Rae Anne Frey, WI - *Prudential*
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

CPT Abigail Gage, DC - *Prudential*
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced
International Studies (SAIS)

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Texas Woman's University

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Walden University

SSG Sarah Summers, OR - *AWF/Hobby*
Grantham University

2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

LTG PATRICIA HOROHO - Lieutenant General Patricia Horoho is the first female and first Nurse Corps Officer to hold the appointment to U.S. Army Surgeon General and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command. LTG Horoho has held every level of leadership in Army Medicine. Lieutenant General Horoho's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2 OLC), the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and various service and unit awards.

COL ARLENE GREENFIELD (posthumously) - U.S. Army Colonel Arlene F. Greenfield advocated equal opportunity and support for soldiers during her active duty service, and in her retirement. She had extensive human resources and leadership experience honed over a 30-year Army career that included three successful commands. COL Greenfield's work with the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS), the Army Human Resources Directorate and as a Department of Defense representative to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans, helped to advance opportunities for women and minorities and promote a strong Army. After her retirement from the U.S. Army in 2001, she continued to serve military personnel and women. She founded a company that researched key personnel issues impacting military members. She also donated countless volunteer hours to the Army Retiree Council, the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Retiree Council, the United Service Organizations (USO), the U.S. Army Women's Foundation, Women In Military Service for America Memorial, and other organizations.

SFC GENEVIEVE CHASE, USAR - Sergeant First Class Genevieve Chase is the founder of American Women Veterans (AWV) and a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. After enlisting in the Army Reserve in 2003, she volunteered to serve with the Army's 10th Mountain Division. While deployed in 2006, her vehicle was attacked by a suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. To counter symptoms of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and combat stress, SFC Chase dedicated herself to veterans' advocacy. She has worked tirelessly to bring to light the issues faced by today's veterans. While advocating on their behalf, she discovered a need for a focus on women veterans and their families from all eras and branches of service. From that void, SFC Chase created AWW.

6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION - The 6888th was the only all female African American battalion to go overseas, first to Birmingham, England and then to Rouen, France. They were tasked with eliminating floor-to-ceiling stacks of undelivered mail and packages addressed to U.S. service members, but stored in British warehouses. This backlog dampened the morale of soldiers serving on the front lines. The 6888th, under extraordinarily difficult working conditions, eliminated the backlog of mail.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CHAMPIONS AWARDS

Special Recognition Champions Awards

MAJ JASPEN BOOTHE, USAR - After seeing a homeless woman veteran who was living out of her car featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show and hearing that there are estimated 55,000 homeless women veterans in America, MAJ Boothe decided to act. She launched what would become Final Salute, her non-profit organization to provide safe housing for homeless women veterans and their children, a service not readily accessible to women veterans—the fastest growing population of the homeless – Boothe says. In just three years, Boothe's organization has supported more than 300 women in 15 states.

THE CENTER FOR WOMEN VETERANS (CWV) - In November 1994, Public Law 03-446 required the VA to create the CWV as a means to monitor and coordinate VA programs for women. The Center for Women Veterans (CWV) established with the support and urging from Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and other veterans service organizations, celebrated two decades of serving women veterans in November 2014. Betty Mosley Brown is the current Acting Director of the Center for Women Veterans.

ABOUT THE U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation (AWF) is a premier center for educational excellence, the national network for today's Army women, and a dynamic advocate for preserving and sharing the history of Army women. The mission of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation is to honor and preserve the service of women in the Army. As our nation participates in Women's History Month in March 2016, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation commemorates and celebrates the service, accomplishments, and sacrifices of Army women by hosting an annual Hall of Fame Reception and Summit. These events place the AWF at the forefront of the issues and opportunities impacting U.S. Army women in advancing stability, peace, and prosperity around the world. Event participants interact and partner with an elite cadre of senior military leaders, corporate leaders, opinion leaders, and policy makers.

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