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Peggy Trossen, Executive Director, U.S. Army Women's Foundation

Major General Dee Ann McWilliams, USA (Ret),
President, U.S. Army Women's Foundation

REMARKS

Brigadier General Gary Profit, USA (Ret),
Director of Military Programs, Walmart Corporation

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Lieutenant General Karen Dyson, USA,
Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Command Sergeant Major Mary Sutherland, (Ret)

Accepted by: Sergeant Major Toni Gannon Ross, USA (Ret)

Colonel Sally Murphy, USA (Ret),
First Woman Helicopter Pilot

*Presented by: General Richard Cody, USA (Ret),
Corporate Senior Vice President, L-3 Corporation*

Army Women Distinguished Flying Cross Recipients

Accepted by: Staff Sergeant Julia Stalker, USA

Colonel Jill Chambers, USA (Ret),
Founder, This Able Vet, LLC

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship Program
(V-WISE Program) at Syracuse University

Ron Howard and Frank Martin - *Unsung Heroes* documentary
Presented by Command Sergeant Major Michele Jones, USA (Ret)

CLOSING REMARKS

Major General Dee Ann McWilliams, USA (Ret)



HALL OF FAME CEREMONY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND HONOREES

COLONEL JILL W. CHAMBERS, USA (Ret) is widely recognized as the first person in the history of the U.S. Military to develop a successful, sustainable strategy to reduce the crippling stigma associated with mental health challenges in a warrior culture. Retiring in 2009 after 28 years of active duty, Colonel Chambers is currently the Founder of This Able Vet, LLC, an organization that continues her commitment to real time solutions and non-pharmaceutical alternatives for Post-Traumatic Stress amongst veterans. In 2007, Col. Chambers was selected to serve as Special Assistant to former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to conduct a focused study in the areas of PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury and spent 18 months traveling the U.S, witnessing firsthand the often heart-breaking difficulties returning warriors face.

Jill's daughter Captain Gwynn Miller is also in the military.

GENERAL 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 of flight time. He is the Chairman of the Board and National Chairman for Homes for Our Troops, Chairman, National Trust for Wounded Warriors, Board Trustee of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL KAREN DYSON, USA is the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller). She previously served as the Military Deputy for Budget, Director of Operations and Support, Army Budget Office, and as the Director of Business Operations in the Office of Business Transformation.

The daughter of a Special Forces Officer, LTG Dyson was commissioned into the Regular Army, Finance Branch at Southwest Missouri State University. She holds a Master in Business Administration from Austin Peay State University and a Master of Science for National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

LTG Dyson commanded at all levels through brigade with command of the 266th Finance Command (FINCOM), which supported the European Theater and during her tenure, deployed in support of the CENTCOM AOR in OIF and OEF 05-07. She also had the privilege of commanding during Operation Joint Guard/Forge, Bosnia, and Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia.



Her resource management experience includes serving as the Chief of Staff & Comptroller, White House Military Office, The White House, and Chief of the Army Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) Support Team. After brigade command, she served as Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller) and to the Under Secretary of the Army.

LTG Dyson's awards include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal. She has also earned the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Presidential Support Badge.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR MICHELE S. JONES, USA (Ret) was the first woman to reach the position of command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Reserve. She was the first female non-commissioned officer to serve in the highest enlisted position of a component of the U.S. Army, active or reserve, and was at one time the highest-ranking African-American female enlisted person in any branch of the United States military.

MAJOR GENERAL DEE ANN McWILLIAMS, USA (Ret) is President of the Army Women's Foundation. Major General 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 and Women in Military Service Association/Women's Memorial at Arlington Cemetery.

COLONEL SALLY D. MURPHY, USA (Ret) earned the distinction of becoming a U.S. Army aviator and first woman U.S. Army helicopter pilot. Col. Murphy began her aviation training flying helicopters at Fort Rucker, Alabama, in September 1973. At the time the Army was increasing roles and numbers of women in nearly every endeavor. Helicopters are the backbone of Army air support to ground warfare, along with other smaller, specialized activities including fixed wing aircraft. The Army's initial plan blended her intelligence background with aviation and used her as a member of a small unit supporting early warning and signal intelligence in Germany. She served almost 27 years in the U.S. Army.

MS. JUMMY OLABANJI is an Emmy award-winning reporter and anchor who joined ABC7/WJLA-TV and News Channel 8 in 2011. She currently anchors Good Morning Washington and ABC7 News at Noon. She holds a bachelor's degree in Communication from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in Communication and Leadership from Gonzaga University. She is an active member of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association and the National Association of Black Journalists. Ms. Olabanji is an avid supporter of many community organizations and serves on the Board of Directors for the National Kidney Foundation of DC.



BRIGADIER GENERAL 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, and hire, grow and develop, and retain talent from military community constituencies for the leading global retailer. He served more than 31 years and 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. BG Profit earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and a Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Naval Warfare, Naval War College.

SERGEANT MAJOR TONI GAGNON ROSS, USA (Ret) was a member of the Army Military Police Corps for most of her career. Her military assignments include West Berlin, Germany, Panama, Honduras, Johnston Island and various locations throughout the United States. She holds a Master in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College.

STAFF SERGEANT JULIA A. STALKER, USA is a Distinguished Flying Cross recipient. She has served as a combat medic and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Stalker also deployed to Afghanistan twice with the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Currently, SSG Stalker is serving as an instructor/writer at the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine in Fort Rucker, Alabama.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR MARY E. SUTHERLAND, USA (Ret) entered the Women's Army Corps in June 1969. Her tours of duty included Germany, Bosnia, Honduras, and Italy. At the time of her retirement, CSM Sutherland was the Senior Enlisted person in the United States Army. She was the only woman of any rank in the U.S. Army to have been active duty for 35 years, earning her a place in Army history.

PEGGY TROSSEN is the executive director of the Army Women's Foundation. Previously, she has worked at the American Association of University Women, as the deputy director of development for the Education Foundation, and as Assistant Professor of Business Administration and Chair of the Department of Business Administration at George Washington University at Mount Vernon College. Peggy holds a Masters of Business Administration from Virginia Tech.



VETERAN WOMEN IGNITING THE SPIRIT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP (V-WISE) AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Accepted by Dr. J. Michael Haynie, Vice Chancellor, Syracuse University.

V-WISE is committed to women Veterans by providing them the tools to become successful entrepreneurs.

The goal of V-WISE is to integrate their leadership, integrity, focus and drive into a premier educational training program taught by accomplished entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship educators from across the United States.

V-WISE enables women Veterans to find their passion and to learn the business-savvy skills to turn their ideas or businesses into a growth ventures. V-WISE recognizes entrepreneurship is an important part of economic growth across the country and this program is the key for women Veterans to truly pursue their dreams and to make them a reality.

UNSUNG HEROES: THE STORIES OF AMERICA'S FEMALE PATRIOTS, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER RON HOWARD AND WRITER/DIRECTOR FRANK MARTIN

This 2 hour, 2-part documentary is executive produced by Academy Award winning filmmaker Ron Howard and written and directed by Sundance, Emmy and Image Award winning filmmaker Frank Martin, creator of the acclaimed public television special For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots.

At the heart of *Unsung Heroes* are the powerful first-hand accounts of women who have lived the story. They include Admiral Michelle Howard and General Ann Dunwoody, the two highest ranking women in the history of the American military, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester who is the first woman to earn the Silver Star for heroism in combat, Mildred Manning who is the last surviving female POW from WWII, the first female Thunderbird pilot, Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski, Captain Beverly Kelly who is the first woman to command an American warship, Deanie Parish who is one of the last surviving WWII era WASP pilots, and Wounded Warrior and recently elected member of Congress, LTC Tammy Duckworth.

These are stories of perseverance and triumph that reveal the unheralded achievements of this valiant legion of female patriots. The special also calls attention to the unique challenges faced by today's women veterans, such as sexual assault, homelessness and the loss of children.

Unsung Heroes: The Story of America's Female Patriots is an inspirational saga of unrecognized courage and sacrifice that touches every community in the nation. These are women, who despite the hardships of military service are proud of their long-standing commitment to the patriotic ideals of the United States. It is a story of all guts and no glory and its theme, the price of liberty, is relevant to all Americans.



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WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA MEMORIAL ARMY WOMEN: LEADERSHIP & POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

MORNING PANEL

Army Women: Leading the Workforce Today & Tomorrow

Welcome

Major General Dee Ann McWilliams, USA (Ret), President, U.S. Army Women's Foundation

Panel Overview

Brigadier General Gary Profit, USA (Ret),
Senior Director of Military Programs, Walmart Corporation

Panel Moderator

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston, USA (Ret), AUSA

Panel Participants

J. Michael Haynie, Ph.D., Director, V-Wise Syracuse University Institute for Veterans and
Military Families and Vice Chancellor, Syracuse University

Colonel Kevin Preston, USA (Ret),
Director, Human Resources-Veterans Initiative, ESPN/Disney

Chief Warrant Officer 05 Phyllis Wilson, USAR,
Command Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserve

Captain Cathy Christian, USAF
Vice President, Enterprise Services and Financial Systems, Prudential Financial, Inc.

LUNCHEON

Army Women: Leadership & Political Engagement

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Leon Harris ABC7/WJLA-TV

Comments: Colonel Alice Demarais, USA (Ret), AWF Scholarship Chair

Award scholarships to Army women and their children

AFTERNOON PANEL

Army Women: Political Empowerment & Engagement

Panel Overview

Major General Dee Ann McWilliams, USA (Ret), AWF President

Panel Moderator

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston, USA (Ret), AUSA

Panel Participants

Captain Lory Manning, USN (Ret), Senior Fellow, Women's Research & Education Institute

Captain Seth Lynn, USMCR, Executive Director, Veterans Campaign

Sergeant Major Tonia Walker, USA, U.S. Army Legislative Liaison

Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Greene, USA (Ret),
Vice President, Cassidy & Associates

CLOSING REMARKS

Peggy Trossen, Executive Director, U.S. Army Women's Foundation



2015 SUMMIT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

CAPTAIN CATHY CHRISTIAN, USAF, Vice President, Enterprise Services and Financial Systems, Financial Management Department Prudential Financial, Inc. She has oversight responsibility for many high profile initiatives in the Internal Consulting Group of the Project Management Office. Previously, she was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, where she flew on the E-3 AWACS aircraft and served in Desert Storm. Captain Christian holds a Masters degree in management from Webster University.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHELLE GREENE, USA (Ret) Michelle Greene, a recognized military healthcare professional with more than 20 years of leadership experience in the US Army, plays a key role in Cassidy & Associates' national security practice. She has in-depth experience handling issues related to the Military Health Care System, the federal budget process and the legislative process, to include Defense and Military Construction Appropriations. She served 20 years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and holds degrees from the University of Virginia and the University of Massachusetts.

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.

J. MICHAEL HAYNIE, PH.D. is Vice Chancellor for Veterans and Military Affairs, Syracuse University. In that role, he provides strategic leadership to the University's campus-wide portfolio of veteran and military-connected programs, partnerships, and research - and works to develop new veteran and military-connected initiatives across the institution.

CAPTAIN SETH LYNN, USMCR is the executive director of Veterans Campaign, a non-partisan, non-ideological organization whose mission is to train veterans to run for public office. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he also holds a Masters in Public Administration from Princeton University.

MAJOR GENERAL DEE ANN MCWILLIAMS, USA (Ret) is President of the 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.



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CAPTAIN LORY MANNING, USN (Ret) served over twenty-five years in the Navy where she was a telecommunications sub-specialist. Captain Manning is currently the Director of the Women in Military Project at Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington, DC. She is a recognized expert on the policies and laws governing women's participation in the US Military both presently and over the past 110 years. She is a graduate of Trinity College, the Naval War College and holds a MALS from Georgetown University.

KENNETH O. PRESTON, USA (Ret) served as the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army. He retired from the Army after nearly 36 years of service. Currently, he is the director of NCO & Soldier Programs for the Association of the United States Army. SMA Preston holds a master of business administration degree from Trident University.

KEVIN PRESTON, USA (Ret) is a retired U.S. Army Colonel with 28 years in the United States Military currently serving as Director of Veterans Initiatives, The Walt Disney Company. In this role, he coordinates all Veteran activities for all of Disney's businesses, including the company's Heroes Work Here initiative and emphasizes staffing, philanthropy, volunteerism, and learning and development. He holds an MBA and M.Ed. from Loyola University.

BRIGADIER GENERAL GARY M. PROFIT, USA (Ret) is currently Senior Director of Military Programs, Walmart Corporation. He served 31 years in the Army Reserves. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and a Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Naval Warfare, Naval War College.

SERGEANT MAJOR TONIA T. WALKER, USA currently services as an Army Legislative Liaison where she manages the Southeast Region of the U.S. She has served as a Defense Fellow for Congressman Jim Cooper. Her awards include the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters. Sergeant Major Walker is a graduate of Austin Peay University and she holds a Masters of Professional Studies in Legislative Affairs from Washington University.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE (CW5) PHYLLIS J. WILSON, USA is the 5th Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) for the United States Army Reserve. As the CCWO, she represents and advises the Chief of the Army Reserve/Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command on matters pertaining to training and education, career management, leader development and warrior transition issues for warrant officers within the Army Reserve. She is also responsible for coordinating policy and statutory changes to support the advancement of initiatives for the Warrant Officer Corps. She holds a Masters degree from Webster University.



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

Jasmine Bogan - Fayetteville, NC - *Disney*
Fayetteville State College

Rachel Claus-Walker - AZ
University of Arizona

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University of Missouri-Kansas City

Storm Harvey - North Charleston, SC - *L-3 Communications*
Agnes Scott College

Madison Mara - MO
University of Missouri Science and Technology

Carolyn O'Hara - NC
East Carolina University

Heather Schofield - Troy, NH - *GE*
Assumption College

Kelly Slaven - Laramie, WY - *Disney*
University of Wyoming

Stephanie Smith - Antelope, CA - *Walmart*
Oregon State University

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Kaylah Owings - CO
Community College of Aurora

Cody Scott - IL
Illinois Central College



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SGT Kimberly Denny - Staunton, VA - *Wagner*
Mary Baldwin College

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Mary Baldwin College

SPC Ashley Gorbulja - OH
The University of Akron

SSG Elizabeth Guzman - Aurora, IL - *AWF Hobby/Kinney*
Northern Illinois University

SPC Caitlin Jones - MA
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

PFC Sheila Norvell - Doerun, GA - *Prudential*
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

CDT Jessica Pullan - UT
Southern Utah University

SPC Silvia Ramirez - IL
Carroll University

SPC Stephanie Willis - Fort Leonard Wood, MO - *Prudential*
Northern Illinois University



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1LT Kayla Christopher - Oklahoma City, OK - *Disney*
University of Oklahoma

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Grand Canyon University

04 Corina Gonzales - Sante Fe, NM - *The Home Depot Foundation*
University of New Mexico

SPC Brittany Griffin - FL
Florida A&M University

CPT Sharon Height - Prince George, VA - *Disney*
University of Alabama

CPT Amber Manke - Cottage Grove, MN - *The Home Depot Foundation*
University of Minnesota

SGT Emily McCaffery - Ankeny, IA - *AWF Mary E. Walker*
Des Moines University

1LT Mackenzie Merrick - Denver, CO - *AWF Arlene Greenfield*
University of Colorado at Denver

Kadedra Miller - TX
Texas Wesleyan University

1LT Aimee Reisbeck - Littleton, CO - *Walmart*
University of Denver

SGT Laini Soszynski - Ayer, MA - *GE*
American Military University



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Fortis College

Vanessa Cole - AL
J.F. Drake State

SGT Heather Conner - CA
Monterey Peninsula College

PFC Jenna Licorish - Brooklyn, NY - *L-3 Communications*
Kingsborough Community College

E-4 Stephanie Padilla - CO
Community College of Denver

ABOUT THE U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation (AWF) is the 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 2015, 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 Induction Ceremony 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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