



Biographies

Conference Hosts

Mr. Tommy Thomas

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Military Community & Family Policy

Tommy T. Thomas assumed the duties of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community & Family Policy in May 2009. In that role, he is responsible for policy, advocacy, and oversight of all community support to service members and families such as quality of life issues; family and casualty assistance; morale, welfare and recreation programs; *Military OneSource* and *MilitaryHOMEFRONT* websites; the Department of Defense Education Activity; and the Defense Department's commissary and exchange services.

From September 2005 through May 2009, Mr. Thomas served as Senior Executive Director, Human Capital Strategy in the private sector, providing strategic perspective and consultative guidance on Human Capital Management for the Department of Defense to enable organizations to strategically and more effectively accomplish their mission(s).

Mr. Thomas retired from the U.S. Air Force as a senior military officer after over twenty-six years of distinguished service. His assignments include Chief, Quality Force/Personnel Utilization at Duluth International Airport, Minnesota; Chief, Personnel Utilization at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Chief, Consolidated Base Personnel Office at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico; Chief, Personnel Readiness Air Force IG Team at Norton Air Force Base, California; Chief Strategic Plans Integration on the Air Staff; Chief, Enlisted Promotion Policy on the Air Staff; Director of Personnel Plans and Systems at Hurlburt Field Air Force Base, Florida; Commander, 92nd Mission Support Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington; Director for Personnel for Air Force personnel in the National Capital Region, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington DC; Assistant Deputy for Military Personnel in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Force Management and Personnel; 62nd Mission Support Group Commander, McChord Air Force Base, Washington; and Senior Investigator for General Officer and Senior Executive Service matters in the Office of the Air Force Inspector General, Washington, DC.

Throughout his career, Mr. Thomas was responsible for a myriad of service member and family support policy, programs, and services, including management and support of family support centers; reengineering personnel programs to support families of deployed service members; oversight of nationally accredited child development centers; management of installation housing units; and construction of medical, youth center, commissary, DoD schools, and recreation center facilities.

Mr. Thomas received a B.A. in Mass Communications from Valdosta State College, an M.A. in Mass Communications from the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and an M.S. from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Yale Leadership Course II.

Mr. Arthur Myers

Principal Director, Military Community & Family Policy

Arthur J. Myers assumed the duties of Principal Director and Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community & Family Policy in January 2009. A member of the Senior Executive Service, he is responsible for policy, advocacy, and oversight of all community support to service members and families including quality of life issues; family and casualty assistance; morale, welfare and recreation programs; *Military OneSource* and *MilitaryHOMEFRONT* websites; the Department of Defense Education Activity; and the Defense Department's commissary and exchange services.

Mr. Myers graduated from Arts High School in Newark, New Jersey. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the Air Force, where he served twenty years on active duty. During his military career, Mr. Myers held several different positions in the morale, welfare and recreation, and comptroller fields. His assignments included Wheelus Air Base, Libya; five tours in Southeast Asia; Bitburg Air Base, West Germany; and several assignments in the continental U.S..

In 1982, Mr. Myers began his civilian career with the Air Force where he held several positions at base and major command levels. He moved to Headquarters U.S. Air Force in February 1991 as the first deputy director of the organization, then known as Air Force Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Mr. Myers remained there through several reorganizations and assumed his position as director in January 1998.

Mr. Myers has a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, and a Master of Science degree in business management from Troy State University. He is a graduate of the Program for Senior Managers in Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters. His civilian awards include 1980 U.S. Air Force Club Manager of the Year, five Decorations for Exceptional Civilian Service, two Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Awards, and the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award. Mr. Myers was recognized with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Leadership Award by the International Military Community Executives Association, a Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Logistics Association, a National Service to Youth Award, and an Alumni Hall of Fame by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. In 2008, he was awarded the honorary rank and title of Chief Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with one bronze oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and three bronze oak leaf clusters, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two bronze oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with one bronze star, Armed Forces Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one silver oak leaf cluster, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabian Government).

Keynote Presenters

General Carter F. Ham

Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army

General Carter Ham has served as Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe since August 2008. He began his service as an enlisted Infantryman in the 82nd Airborne Division before being commissioned in 1976 upon graduation from John Carroll University. He has served in Italy, Saudi Arabia, and multiple tours in Germany. General Ham commanded Multinational Brigade-North in Mosul, Iraq from 2004-2005 and the 1st Infantry Division from 2006-2007. Before assuming his current position, General Ham was the Director for Operations, The Joint Staff. General Ham and his wife Christi have two children.

Mrs. Christi Ham

Christi Ham is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and a graduate of John Carroll University. A lifelong educator, she has taught health, physical education, religious studies, and speech communication at the elementary and high school levels and has often served as a tutor for students with developmental needs. Mrs. Ham has also served as Director of Youth Services at a large Army base. A focus on administration led her to serve as Principal for two schools in Phenix City, Alabama. An active volunteer engaged in church, youth, Soldier and family issues, Mrs. Ham now serves as senior advisor for numerous groups throughout the Army communities in Europe. She has balanced her educational career while raising two children (both now grown and married) and caring for one Infantryman for more than thirty years.

Stephen J. Cozza, M.D.

Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Stephen J. Cozza, M.D. is Professor of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University where he serves as Associate Director, Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He received his medical degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and completed his residency in General Psychiatry and fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Dr. Cozza is a diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in the specialties of General Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He has served in a variety of positions of responsibility in the Department of Psychiatry at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to include Chief, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service, Program Director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Program, and Chief, Department of Psychiatry. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2006 after twenty-five years of military service. Dr. Cozza's professional interests have been in the areas of clinical and community response to trauma and the impact of deployment and combat injury, illness, and death on military service members, their families, and their children. He was instrumental in organizing and executing the initial mental health response to the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. Under his leadership, the Walter Reed Department of Psychiatry spearheaded the initiative to provide mental health services, support, and follow up to the many injured service members, their families and their children who receive medical treatment. Dr. Cozza has highlighted the impact of deployment, injury, illness, and death on the children and families of service members. He is published in the scientific literature and has presented on these topics at national and international scientific meetings. Dr. Cozza serves as a scientific advisor to several national organizations that focus on military children and families.

Kenneth R. Ginsburg, M.D.

Associate Professor, Pediatrics, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Dr. Ginsburg is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He practices Social Adolescent Medicine: medicine with special attention to prevention and the recognition that social context, stressors, and poverty have an impact upon health. He is also the Medical Director for Covenant House, Pennsylvania, a care system that serves homeless, street, and marginalized youth in Philadelphia. While the shelter-based clinic serves all of the health needs of its patients, it focuses on stress as the underlying force that drives most behaviors that risk good health. He developed the Teen-Centered method, which is a mixed qualitative/quantitative methodology used to facilitate youth to generate, prioritize, and explain their own proposed solutions to social problems and to teach clinicians how to better serve them. Recognizing that professionals have a limited impact on the wellbeing of youth, he has reached out to parents and other professionals as they help young people navigate adolescence. He lectures widely to parent and professional audiences and has published the book *But I'm Almost Thirteen: An Action Plan to Raise a Responsible Adolescent*. The American Academy of Pediatrics published two of his books *A Parent's Guide to Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Your Child Roots and Wings*, which focuses on raising resilient children in an increasingly complex world and *Less Stress, More Success*, which focuses on getting into college while remaining socially and emotionally balanced. The Academy also offers his stress reduction plan for teenagers in doctors' offices around the nation as well as on the website www.aap.org/stress where teenagers can design and retrieve a personalized stress management

Senior Enlisted Advisors

SMA Kenneth O. Preston

Sergeant Major of the Army

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston was sworn in as the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army on January 15, 2004. SMA Preston has held a variety of leadership positions throughout his career ranging from cavalry scout to command sergeant major.

As Sergeant Major of the Army, Preston serves as the Army Chief of Staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. He devotes the majority of his time to traveling throughout the Army observing training, and talking to Soldiers and their families. He sits on a wide variety of councils and boards that make decisions affecting enlisted Soldiers and their families and is routinely invited to testify before Congress.

Preston is a native of Mount Savage, Maryland and was born February 18, 1957. Preston entered the Army on June 30, 1975. He attended Basic Training and Armor Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Throughout his twenty-eight year career, he has served in every enlisted leadership position from cavalry scout and tank commander to his current position as Sergeant Major of the Army. Other assignments he held as command sergeant major were 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, 3rd "Grey Wolf" Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Armored Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, and V Corps in Heidelberg, Germany.

His most recent assignment was as the command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force 7 serving in Baghdad, Iraq.

His military education includes Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, First Sergeant's Course, M1/M1A1 Tank Master Gunner Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Course, and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.

His awards and decorations include two Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, Southwest Asia Service Ribbon, Liberation of Kuwait Ribbon (Kuwait), Kosovo Medal, the NATO Medal, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

SGTMAJ Carlton Kent

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps

Sergeant Major Kent completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina in March 1976 and was assigned to the 1st Marine Brigade. In May 1978, Sgt. Maj. Kent was transferred to Marine Security Guard Battalion where he served as a Marine Security Guard. He served at the American Embassy in Kinshasa, Zaire, and Panama. In June 1981, Sgt. Maj. Kent transferred to Fort Benning for Airborne School and Parachute Riggers School at Fort Lee, Virginia. In June of 1982, he was assigned as 2nd Air Delivery Platoon Commander, and parachute rigger billets in various commands aboard Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

In February 1983, Sgt. Maj. Kent was transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, for duty as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor, and battalion drillmaster with First Battalion. In January 1985, he was meritoriously promoted to Gunnery Sergeant.

In May 1985, Sgt. Maj. Kent transferred to 3rd Air Delivery Platoon as Platoon Sergeant. In June 1986, he transferred to Engineer Company, BSSG-1 1st Marine Brigade, Hawaii, as Company Gunnery Sergeant. In March 1988, Sgt. Maj. Kent was assigned to Noncommissioned Officers School, 1st Marine Brigade as the NCOIC.

In February 1989, Sgt. Maj. Kent transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, as a student at Drill Instructor School. After completion of Drill Instructor School, Sgt. Maj. Kent was assigned to Naval Aviation Officers Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, as a Drill Instructor, Chief Drill Instructor, and First Sergeant. In February 1990, Sgt. Maj. Kent was promoted to First Sergeant and assigned as First Sergeant, MATSG, Pensacola, Florida.

In June 1992, he transferred to 4th Marine Regiment for duty. In June 1993, he transferred to the Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. After graduation in February 1994, he was transferred and assigned as First Sergeant, Battery L, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. In December 1994, he assumed the duties as Sergeant Major, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. In August 1997, Sgt. Maj. Kent was transferred to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, where he was assigned duties as Sergeant Major 2nd Recruit Training Battalion and in September 1999 as Sergeant Major Recruit Training Regiment.

In May 2001, he was transferred to Marine Forces Europe/FMF Europe, Stuttgart, Germany, where he was assigned the duties as the Sergeant Major of Marine Forces Europe. In April 2004, he was transferred to I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California, to serve as the Sergeant Major of the I Marine Expeditionary Force. Sgt. Maj. Kent assumed his current post as the 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on April 25, 2007.

MCPON Rick West

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

Master Chief West was born in Rising Fawn, Georgia. He graduated from Northwest Georgia High School in 1981 and immediately entered the U.S. Navy. Master Chief West received recruit training and Quartermaster training at Orlando, Florida followed by Enlisted Submarine School at Groton, Connecticut. His first duty assignment was onboard USS ETHAN ALLEN (SSN 608) where he completed Submarine Qualifications. Other assignments include USS THOMAS EDISON (SSN 610), USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664), Commander Naval Activities United Kingdom (COMNAVACTUK), USS TECUMSEH (SSBN 628) (Blue), and COMSUBPAC Staff (TRE Team). Master Chief West was then assigned as Chief of the Boat onboard the San Diego based Fast Attack Submarine, USS PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707), completing two Western Pacific deployments. The crew earned two Battle Efficiency “E” awards. Upon completion of a CMC tour at COMSUBRON ELEVEN, he was selected as Force Master Chief, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet from January, 2001 to January, 2004. Command Master Chief West was then assigned to USS PREBLE (DDG-88) home-ported in San Diego, where he deployed to the Arabian Gulf and qualified as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. Command Master Chief West was selected during his tour on the USS PREBLE to serve as Pacific Fleet, Fleet Master Chief from February, 2005 to June, 2007. Following PACFLT, he served as the 14th Fleet Master Chief for the Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command. Master Chief West became the 12th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy on December 12, 2008.

Master Chief West’s personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), Enlisted Surface Warfare Insignia, Enlisted Submarine Insignia, and SSBN Deterrent Patrol Pin.

CMSAF and Mrs. James Roy

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy represents the highest enlisted level of leadership and, as such, provides direction for the enlisted force and represents their interests, as appropriate, to the American public and to those in all levels of government. He serves as the personal adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force. Chief Roy is the 16th chief master sergeant appointed to the highest noncommissioned officer position.

Chief Roy grew up in Monroe, Michigan and entered the Air Force in September 1982. His background includes numerous leadership roles at squadron, group, numbered air force, and combatant command levels. He has been stationed at locations in Florida, South Korea, Missouri, Guam, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia, Kuwait, Japan, and Hawaii. He has worked a variety of civil engineer duties. Chief Roy also served as a superintendent of a military personnel flight and a mission support group before becoming a command chief master sergeant at the wing, air expeditionary wing, numbered air force, and combatant command levels. Before assuming his current position, he served as Senior Enlisted Leader and adviser to the U.S. Pacific Command Combatant Commander and staff, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii. He was appointed to Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force in June 2009.

Chief Roy’s major awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Achievement Medal with silver oak leaf cluster.

Luncheon Presenters

Kelvin Boston

Financial Journalist; Public Speaker; Best-Selling Author

Kelvin Boston is the executive producer and host of the *Moneywise with Kelvin Boston* PBS series. An official PBS series since 2000, *Moneywise with Kelvin Boston* is considered public television's (PBS) longest running multi-cultural financial affairs television series. In addition to airing on public television stations, *Moneywise with Kelvin Boston* also airs on the PBS YOU Satellite Channel and the Armed Forces Television Network where it reaches military households in 177 countries around the world. In 2003, Kelvin Boston was awarded the National Community Reinvestment Coalition's (NCRC) annual award for promoting economic justice.

Kelvin Boston is also popular public speaker. He speaks annually before government agencies, corporations and non-profit associations. In 2005, he received the "Communicator of the Year" award from the National Association of Market Developers. Kelvin Boston is also the author of the best-selling book, *Smart Money Moves for African Americans* (Putnam 1995). Kelvin Boston is a graduate of Lincoln University (Lincoln, Pennsylvania) and a former regional financial planning manager for American Express Financial Advisors.

Trevor Romain

President, Trevor Romain Company

Trevor Romain is a best-selling children's book author, award-winning video personality, motivational speaker, and president of The Trevor Romain Company, an educational publisher of supplemental curriculum in Austin, Texas. He has traveled all over the world delivering his message of hope and compassion to school age children. Mr. Romain uses humor to engage the children and then weaves in his messages to inspire kids to become better people and better friends to their peers. As the Washington Post said, "His rapport with kids is a stunning thing to watch." Mr. Romain has worked extensively over the last two years with the United Services Organization (USO) and the Department of Defense (DoD) Education system. He has spoken to children all around the world on military bases with the USO and has spoken at Operation Purple Camps, Navy Summer Camps, and throughout the DoD school system. He speaks to the kids about multiple issues, such as bullying, deployment, peer pressure, and compassion. Romain also speaks at many state counselor conferences. He shares stories that help people who work with kids gain a deeper insight to what children are feeling and experiencing in today's complicated world.

Breakout Session Presenters

BG James Anderson

Assistant Adjutant General, Michigan Army National Guard

Brigadier General James R. Anderson is the Assistant Adjutant General, Michigan Army National Guard. He is responsible to the Adjutant General for the daily coordination, supervision, training, and resourcing of the Michigan Army National Guard. BG Anderson began his military career in March 1972 when he enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard as a Private E-1. After seven years as an enlisted soldier, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in October 1979 at Ft Benning, Georgia. Since then, he has held numerous company and field grade positions. In December 2000, he was promoted to Colonel and commanded the 63rd Troop Command in Jackson, Michigan. BG Anderson was a resident student at the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania and graduated in June 2003. In 2004, he was selected to be the Chief of Staff, Michigan Army National Guard. In August 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. Up until his retirement from Michigan Public Education in February 2004, he was a traditional Guardsman and worked as an elementary teacher and principal for thirty-two years in Michigan public schools. His support and commitment to "taking care of our own," both Soldiers and families, has been instrumental in developing NGMI Road to Reintegration program.

Karen Anzak

Associate Director, Marriage Education and Public Relations, Hispanic Active Relationships Project

Karen Anzak is the Associate Director of the Hispanic Active Relationships Project in Cameron County, Texas. She has Master Trainer Status in all Active Relationships Curricula and has presented professional certification trainings across the U.S. She is an Ordained Minister and Assistant Pastor at Templo Shalom Hispanic World Outreach Center. She has an Associate Degree in Theological Studies from Instituto Biblico Bethel, Brownsville, Texas and an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Radiological Technology. Born in Guatemala, she immigrated to the U.S. in 1983 and is fluent in English and in Spanish.

Keith R. Aronson, Ph.D.

Associate Director, Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University

Keith Aronson is the Associate Director of the Social Science Research Institute and plays a lead role in Penn State's Military Personnel and Families Research Initiative, which began in December 2008. His research focuses on stress, health, and wellbeing. He is particularly interested in the effect of stressors on psychological and emotional functioning, physical symptoms, and health behaviors. Recently, he has begun to turn his attention to stressors that military families encounter (e.g., frequent relocations).

Phillip Autrey

Director, Project Management, Princeton Review

Phillip Autrey serves as an Executive Director for The Princeton Review. In this role, Mr. Autrey oversees the implementation of the Student On-line Achievement Resources (SOAR) program in both local school districts as well as the development and implementation of the SOAR Home application. Over the last two years, Mr. Autrey has visited over twenty-five military installations to meet parents and learn about educational issues affecting military families. For the last five years, Mr. Autrey has worked in a similar capacity with The Princeton Review and Houghton Mifflin, managing federally funded, school-based programs with an emphasis on web-based formative assessment and tutorials.

Alex Baird

Chief, Family Programs, National Guard Bureau

Mr. Alex Baird is the interim Chief of Family Programs, National Guard Bureau (NGB). As Chief of Family Programs, Mr. Baird is the resident expert on family issues and program needs. His role includes but is not limited to developing and maintaining contact and liaison with multiple government agencies and civilian organizations that interact with the National Guard on family and quality of life issues. Mr. Baird also develops and delivers presentations and training to military and civilian audiences on family and life issues and programs throughout the National Guard. In addition, he provides technical advice and assistance to NGB officials, the state adjutants general, and other officials of the states and territories with respect to the development, interpretation, and implementation of policies and procedures relating to family and quality of life issues and programs within the National Guard. Mr. Baird is a veteran of twenty-four years with the U.S. Air Force.

Patrick Bannister

Vice President; Senior Program Manager, Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service (ASACS)

Mr. Patrick Bannister is the Vice President and Senior Program Manager for ASACS worldwide. Mr. Bannister has been with the program from its conception twenty-two years ago and has led the program the entire time. Mr. Bannister has helped develop and expand the program to where ASACS now serves all branches of the military at many locations around the world.

Mary Bartlett

Assistant Professor, Counseling Program, The University of Montevallo

Dr. Bartlett is an assistant professor of counseling and coordinator of the community counseling track at the University of Montevallo in Alabama. She holds a doctorate in Counselor Education from Auburn University and is a nationally certified counselor, a licensed professional counselor, a certified state counseling supervisor, and a certified family life educator. Her area of research is suicide and she speaks nationally on suicide prevention, clinical assessment of suicidality, and various related topics. She is an authorized trainer for the American Association of Suicidology and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center and serves as a board member for the Alabama Suicide Prevention Task Force, the Alabama Chapter for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and the Alabama Army National Guard Suicide Prevention Task Force. Dr. Bartlett has been presenting since 1995, is published, and has extensive clinical experience working with a wide variety of populations in crisis intervention. Dr. Bartlett has a distinguished work history with the Department of Defense and is a military family life consultant.

Mary Bell

Technical Advisor, Office of Personal Finance, OSD

Mary Bell serves as a Technical Advisor in the Office of Personal Finance, Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy. Ms. Bell completed her Masters degree in Personal Financial Planning from Texas Tech University with an undergraduate in political science from Brigham Young University. Prior to joining the Department of Defense, Ms. Bell served as the Assistant Director of Government Relations at the Financial Planning Association in Washington, DC and worked as a financial assistant at The Monitor Group in Mclean, Virginia and Armstrong, Fleming and Moore Financial Advisors in Washington, DC. Ms. Bell passed the CFP® examination in 2006, and will complete the CFP® designation requirements at the end of 2009. She currently holds the Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC®) designation.

Andrew Behnke, Ph.D., C.F.LE*

*Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Family Consumers Science Department,
North Carolina State University*

Andrew O. Behnke, PhD, is assistant professor of human development and an extension specialist at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He earned his PhD working with the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University and currently works with military families as the Cooperative Extension Liaison with the Essential Life Skills for Military Families Program. He also conducts research on the effects of stressors on ethnic minority families in the military.

Karen Blaisure, Ph.D.

Professor, Family Studies, Western Michigan University

Karen Blaisure, Ph.D., a licensed marriage and family therapist and a certified family life educator, is a professor of family studies at Western Michigan University. From 1986 to 1989, she worked as a program specialist and an education services supervisor at the Navy Family Services Center in Norfolk, Virginia (now the Naval Station Norfolk Fleet and Family Support Center). With colleague Jeanne Arnold-Mann, she authored *Return and Reunion: A Psychoeducational Program Aboard U.S. Navy Ships* in the *Journal of Family Relations*. Dr. Blaisure regularly teaches a one-credit graduate course on "Family Life and the Military."

LTC Robert "Buck" Bramlish

U.S. Army, State Family Program Director, Ohio

LTC Robert Bramlish has been a member of the Ohio National Guard for the past twenty-seven years. He currently serves full-time as the State Family Program Director and Commander of the 1-147 Engineer Battalion on the traditional side. Prior to assuming his current position, he was the Operations Officer for 73rd Troop Command and Commander of the 216th Engineer Battalion's Rear Detachment. Before working full-time for the Ohio National Guard, LTC Bramlish was the Vice President of an Internet security consulting firm.

Kathy Broniarczyk

Outreach Director, Military Family Research Institute, Purdue University

Kathy Broniarczyk received her Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Sciences from the University of Wisconsin and her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Boston University. Ms. Broniarczyk has been a public school teacher, an early childhood trainer for childcare providers, childcare center administrator, and preschool teacher. She has also worked with pre-service early childhood teachers and taught undergraduate early childhood courses. Prior to joining the Military Family Readiness Institute team, Ms. Broniarczyk served as Center Director for the Department of Army Child and Youth Services in a facility overseas with a large population of deployed service members. She has worked with many military families for over twelve years and is also a military spouse. Ms. Broniarczyk is a life member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Her work with the Outreach Team involves providing support and resources to children and families of deployed service members, community organizations that assist military families and community professionals who offer care for service members and their families.

Bruce Bronzan

President, Trilogy Integrated Resources/ Network of Care

Bruce Bronzan has a long and exceptional career in the health and social service arena. He founded and directed a substance abuse treatment program and served as a county supervisor for eight years. He was a member of the California State Legislature and chairman of the Health Committee for ten years. Mr. Bronzan served as associate dean of the Medical School at the University of California, San Francisco and was a senior vice president of the Birch and Davis Health Management Corp. He then became founder and president of Trilogy.

Linda Caldwell, Ph.D.

Professor of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management and Human Development and Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University

Linda Caldwell, Ph.D. has been a professor in the Recreation, Park and Tourism Management Department at Penn State since 1995. She is also a senior faculty affiliate of the Prevention Research Center. Most of her research centers on the intersection of leisure, youth development, and health and prevention. She primarily focuses on interventions that develop youth competencies, promote healthy lifestyles, and reduce risky behaviour in and through leisure. These interventions, TimeWise: Taking Charge of Leisure Time and HealthWise: Life Skills for Young Adults, have been delivered in Pennsylvania, South Africa, and Germany. She has been funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to conduct her research. She is also a co-editor of a book, *Recreation and Youth Development*. Ms. Caldwell is currently the secretary of the Children and Youth Commission of the World Leisure Association and is a member of the Academy of Leisure Sciences and the American Academy of Park and Recreation Administration. In 2007, she was the recipient of the National Recreation and Park Association Franklin D. and Theodore Roosevelt Excellence in Recreation and Park Research Award and the Society for Prevention Research International Collaborative Prevention Science Award.

Brian Campbell

Relationship Manager, Military OneSource

Brian Campbell has served as a Military OneSource Relationship Manager for more than four years. During this time he has supported every branch and component. His responsibilities include serving as the primary liaison for the Active Duty Navy and as Relationship Manager for an area encompassing the South-Central U.S. Before joining Military OneSource, Mr. Campbell served as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy, deploying to Northern Europe and Southeast Asia. His final tour was in Millington, Tennessee, where he met his wife, Victoria, and became a Navy spouse and Reservist.

Mary E. Campise, LICSW

Senior Program Analyst, Family Advocacy Program, OSD

Mary Campise, a licensed clinical social worker, is a Senior Program Analyst for the Department of Defense (DoD) Family Advocacy Program in Military Community & Family Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense. Over the past sixteen years, she has held numerous positions within Family Advocacy to include Treatment Manager, Outreach Manager, and Clinical Director for the Air Force; and HQMC Program Manager and Prevention and Intervention Section Head for the Marine Corps. She is also the military spouse of an active duty Air Force psychologist currently serving in Iraq.

Bonnie Carroll

Director, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

Bonnie Carroll is Chairman and Founder of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), the national organization providing support, resources, casualty casework assistance, and crisis intervention for all those affected by the

death of a loved one serving in the armed forces. Ms. Carroll founded TAPS following the death of her husband, Brigadier General Tom Carroll, in an Army C-12 plane crash in 1992. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association for Death Education and Counseling and has co-authored seven books on grief and trauma. Ms. Carroll served in Baghdad, Iraq as the Deputy Senior Advisor for Programs in the Ministry of Communications in 2003 to 2004. Before going to Iraq, Ms. Carroll was the White House Liaison for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, DC. Ms. Carroll is a Major in the Air Force Reserve, where she has served as Chief, Casualty Operations, HQ USAF. Ms. Carroll holds a degree in Public Administration from American University and has completed Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government's Executive Leadership Program. She is a graduate of several military service schools including USAF Logistics Officer Course, Squadron Officers School, and Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute.

Elizabeth B. Carroll, JD CFLE

Associate Professor, Department of Child Development and Family Relations, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC; Principal Investigator, Healthy Marriage Life Skills: A Family Readiness Program

Elizabeth B. Carroll, JD, CFLE (Bettie Ann) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Relations at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Mississippi, Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from East Carolina University and Doctor of Jurisprudence from Mississippi College School of Law. Her background in law and marriage and family therapy allow her to bring unique perspective to her scholarly work. She primarily teaches classes in Family Life Education and Family Law and Public Policy. She is the Principal Investigator of the Healthy Marriage Life Skills: A Family Readiness Program, a multimillion dollar grant funded by HHS-ACF Healthy Marriage Initiative, which targets Reserve Component and National Guard service members and their families. She has co-authored the *Essential Life Skills for Military Families* curriculum. Her areas of research include family life education for military families, financial literacy, and family history. She has presented both nationally and internationally on financial literacy.

Dr. Ryo Sook Chun, M.D., (COL U.S. Army Ret.)

Board Certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist; Clinical Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service; Director, Operation BRAVE families program, Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Dr. Chun is Clinical Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service and Director of Operation BRAVE families, Formal Chief, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service, Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Dr. Chun operates Preventive Child and Family Psychiatry Consultation Service serving the children and family of wounded warriors and is Assistant professor of Psychiatry, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She recently retired from Active Duty Army Medical Corp in rank of Colonel. Dr Chun has made numerous presentations on children and families of injured service members and has written many scientific articles. She co-authored a chapter of war psychiatry (in press) in this topic and a chapter of a family guide on the Iraqi War.

Bill Coffin

Special Assistant, Marriage Education, ACF/HHS

Bill Coffin joined the Administration for Children and Families/HHS in 2002. He is helping to orchestrate an important culture change, where those who marry will have better access to the knowledge and skills necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage. In recognition of his work he was awarded a Smart Marriages Impact Award in 2006. Mr. Coffin spent most of the previous three decades with the Navy, initially on active duty (Surface Warfare and Human Resource Management) and then from 1980 to 1985 as a consultant to the Navy Family Support Program. He was a civilian in the Navy's Family Support Program Headquarters in Washington, DC throughout the 1990s. He retired from the Reserves as a CDR. His passion is marriage education and enrichment. In the late 1990s, Mr. Coffin served for the Marriage Preparation for the Archdiocese of Washington and as a consultant to the U.S. Bishops Committee on Marriage and Family Life. He co-authored a book chapter on Preventive Interventions for Couples and wrote a chapter in *What Works in Relationship Education* (2009).

Greg Cook

Vice President, Research, Military Child Education Coalition

Greg Cook has had several different careers that span a full management spectrum and provide a broad background of expertise. He served in the military for twenty-six years as an Army Aviator. During those years, he held a number of Commands and management positions. He retired from the military as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1993. Upon retiring from the military, he entered education and developed and designed a Student Performance Management System for a large school district. He turned complex data into understandable information for schools, principals, and district administrators. He was also involved in a number of school-related research projects and the Army's Secondary Education Transition Study (2000). Since June of 2008, Mr. Cook has worked as the Research Director for the Military Child Education Coalition.

Allyson Cordoni

Clinical Coordinator, The Safe Place, Tripler Army Medical Center

Allyson Cordoni has been a nurse practitioner for several years practicing in the field of child abuse. She is currently the clinical coordinator of the SAFE program at Tripler Army Medical Center where she coordinates the sexual assault program and examines children who are victims of child abuse and neglect. She is an adjunct professor at Hawaii Pacific University teaching courses in Forensic Science for the past several years. She has served as an expert witness for courts in the area of maltreatment. Ms Cordoni sits on a variety of community committees and has lectured in the area of child maltreatment at several forensic and child maltreatment conferences in Hawaii and throughout the United States. Most recently she won the IAFN's 2008 Forensic Nurse Achievement Award.

Dan Cotton

Director, eXtension Initiative

Dan Cotton serves as Director of the National eXtension Initiative, a 24/7/365 Internet-based educational partnership of the land grant university system designed to help people improve their lives by providing access to objective, research-based information and learning opportunities. Prior to eXtension, Mr. Cotton held appointments with the University of Missouri, University of Illinois, and University of Nebraska.

Ron Craddock

Chief of Chaplain Services, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center

Chaplain Ron Craddock of Miami, Florida is a retired Navy Chaplain of nearly twenty-three years. He is an Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) veteran serving with U.S. Central Command with "boots in the sand" in Afghanistan in 2000 to 2002 and involved in OIF as the Strike Group Chaplain on the air craft carrier USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) during the initial phases of OIF. As a Navy Chaplain he has seen duty with the Marines overseas, Navy air, the guided missile cruiser USS DALE (CG 19), Navy Medical, Joint Forces Staff College, and onboard submarines. In October 2006, Chaplain Craddock accepted the position as Chief of Chaplain Services, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, in Augusta, Georgia. He has been instrumental in developing a pilot program for all of the VA Medical Centers focusing on OEF/OIF Combat Veterans/Spouses Marriage Enrichment Retreats. He has written an article published by the Department of Defense's Defend America Magazine entitled *Ministry in a War Zone, A Navy Chaplain's Journal*.

Joana Cuevas, LCSW

Clinical Social Worker, School Mental Health Team, Tripler Army Medical Center

Joana Cuevas, LCSW, is a child and family therapist providing therapeutic services to military children and families through the School Mental Health Team of the Department of Psychiatry at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. She has been involved in the development and implementation of the Family Strong Series of interventions for children experiencing the stresses of deployment. Prior to her involvement with the military, Ms. Cuevas had extensive training and experience working with children and families who had experienced a variety of traumatic situations.

Pamela Cunningham

Program Manager, Relocation Assistance Program, OSD

Pamela Cunningham works as a Program Analyst for the Office of Communications. Pam is the OSD Program Manager for the Relocation Assistance Program, overseeing the MilitaryHOMEFRONT applications Plan My Move and MilitaryINSTALLATIONS. Ms. Cunningham's previous position was in the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Heath Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity as the Program Analyst for Special Needs. Prior to arriving in the metro DC area in April 2000, Pam served for eight years as a Management Analyst specializing in managed health care at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida.

Jim Deidrick

Liaison to Joint Family Support Assistance Program, Operation: Military Kids

Jim Deidrick began his professional career as a high school science teacher before beginning his work with 4-H Youth Development. The first twenty-five years of his career have been spent working in the field mentoring and establishing educational experiences and community supports with youth, as well as in training other adults in their work with youth. Since 2000, he has worked at the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development providing statewide leadership for military youth programs, 4-H staff development, curriculum development, organizational management, risk management and liability, communications, and as State 4-H Military Liaison with oversight for the Minnesota Operation: Military Kids program. In 2008, Mr. Deidrick accepted a short-term assignment joining the national 4-H/Army Youth Development Project leadership team in Washington, DC and has been developing and managing national Operation: Military Kids programming at Army Child, Youth and School Services and as liaison to the Joint Family Support Assistance Program. He has been recognized regionally and nationally for his work in educational program design and communication.

Kate DeKoning, MA, NCC

Director, Heroes at Home Military Programs, National Center for Parents as Teachers

Kate DeKoning has over twenty years of experience in the early childhood field. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, a Masters degree in Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology from Western Michigan University, and a Certificate in Montessori 3-6 Education from the Association Montessori International. Her work has spanned all levels from the early childhood classroom to program administration. As a Certified Parent Educator, Ms. DeKoning provided Parents as Teachers services for US Coast Guard families and for families at high risk for abuse and neglect. She was on the first State Board for Michigan Operation: Military Kids and has provided training and technical assistance for child care providers. Ms. DeKoning co-authored *Putting the Pieces Together; a Community Quilt of Services for Children in Grand Traverse County*, which was presented in 2004 at the 8th International Congress on Including Children with Disabilities in the Community in Stavanger, Norway.

Ronnie Edwards

Substance Abuse Program Analyst, Prevention and Intervention, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps

Ronnie Edwards became a substance abuse program analyst for the Marine Corps on April 1, 2006. His responsibilities include the use of specific knowledge and skills to design, implement, and evaluate programs aimed at preventing or reducing problems caused by the use of alcohol and other drugs, thereby supporting the needs of Marines and their families. Before joining the substance abuse team at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, he served thirty years on active duty with the Corps. He retired on June 30, 2006, at the rank of Sergeant Major. During his career he participated in combat operations in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq. He also served in high visibility billets such as Drill Instructor, Embassy (U.S. State Department) Duty, Marine Security Forces, and Marine Barracks Washington, DC. His last assignment was that of senior enlisted advisor to the Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters Marine Corps. Here he served as a principal advisor for over eighty quality of life programs that impacted over 200,000 Marines.

Seth D. Eisenberg

Executive Director, PAIRS Foundation

Seth Eisenberg, PAIRS Trainer, is national executive director of PAIRS Foundation, a leading global provider of relationship skills training programs for over a quarter century. Mr. Eisenberg has trained more than one thousand instructors nationwide who are actively involved in efforts to strengthen families and contribute to the wellbeing of children through classes that range from half day seminars and weekend intensives to extended multi-week workshops. Eisenberg has been instrumental in adapting PAIRS curricula for returning Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) military service members, veterans, and their families with visible and invisible wounds. Over the past decade, Eisenberg has played a key role developing and piloting PAIRS adaptations for low-income, low-literacy, and culturally diverse populations. He has delivered classes to thousands of participants nationwide and together with PAIRS Founder Lori Gordon, co-authored TEAMS, an innovative corporate training program, which delivers relationship skills classes to personnel and managers in a range of public and private enterprises, agencies, and municipalities; and *PAIRS Essentials*, an intensive nine to twelve hour curriculum that has shown remarkable results supporting active duty, reserve, and veteran couples in renewing, revitalizing, and restoring healthy relationships, communication, bonding, and attachment after deployment.

Kathleen Facon

Chief, Educational Partnership, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

Kathleen Facon is the Chief of the Educational Partnership Branch within the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). In this role, Ms. Facon is responsible for leading the branch in efforts to establish networks, processes, and protocols to increase joint Service initiatives, communication, and awareness surrounding quality education opportunities for military children. Over the past eighteen years, Ms. Facon has served in military child and youth programs as a Child Development Center Director, Child and Youth Services Program Administrator, Children and Youth Program Specialist, and Chief of Children, Youth and Teen Programs at Marine Corps Headquarters in Virginia and on Marine Corps and Army installations in California and Germany. Ms. Facon served as an expert advisor, senior staff officer, and consultant on child and youth development, early education, national accreditation systems, partnerships, parent education and involvement, curriculum programming, youth education support, and exceptional family member programs.

Dr. Richard Fafara, Ph.D.

Senior Research Analyst, Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command

Richard Fafara is Senior Research Analyst in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Command. His more than twenty-five years of experience at HQDA have been devoted to a variety of strategic planning efforts which include serving on the MWR Modernization Task Force; coordinating the Army Chief of Staff's Soldier Issue Forum; and managing psycho-social, behavioral research and evaluation, especially as it relates to developing actionable findings on

Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, Army families, and their quality of life. Dr. Fafara has been trained in counseling/crisis intervention and attended the Army Management Staff College and the Senior Executive Fellows Program, Harvard University. He has taught at The George Washington University, George Mason University, and Northern Virginia Community College.

Mark Feinberg, Ph.D.

Senior Research Associate, Prevention Research Center, Pennsylvania State University

Dr. Feinberg has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from George Washington University where he trained in child and family therapy and research. His research examines couple, parent-child, and sibling processes and adjustment and has recently begun integrating a biological perspective on individual regulation into this work on family systems. He is currently involved in family and community-based prevention projects, including a trial of “Family Foundations,” designed to promote positive co-parenting/parenting among expectant parents (NIMH, NICHD); a trial of “Strong, Healthy Women,” aimed at preventing adverse pregnancy outcomes (PA Dept of Health); and a sibling relationship program incorporating a parenting component (NICHD). In addition, Dr. Feinberg’s work has examined community-level prevention efforts in two large-scale prevention studies. He has studied Communities That Care in 120 communities for the last ten years (PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency), examining coalition processes and youth outcomes. He is also co-PI on PROSPER (NIDA), a twenty-eight-community trial of an innovative dissemination system through university-community partnerships for family and school-based programs.

Marilyn Fox, Ph.D.

Professor, Management; Co-Director and Director, Accreditation Maintenance, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Marilyn Fox, M.S., is a University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension Educator. Throughout her thirty year career, she has focused on family life and parenting education. Her teaching experiences include teaching parenting classes; family strengths workshops; tobacco, alcohol, and other drug educational programs for adults and youth; plus numerous other educational programs. She authored a series of UNL Extension publications on “Parenting Your Child Effectively” in addition to a number of other publications that relate to family life and parenting issues. Three published curriculums she has authored include *Survive, Strive, Thrive: Keys to Healthy Family Living* and *4-H Health Rocks! Manuals* (Beginning and Intermediate Levels). Along with several other Extension Educators, Ms. Fox serves as a team leader for UNL Extension’s “The Learning Child” action team. She has received numerous awards and honors, which include national first and second place Educational Curriculum Packages from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Science. Her leadership experiences include serving as chair of both the Dean’s Advisory Committee and Vice Chancellor’s Liaison Committee.

Dr. Lynette M. Fraga

Director, Military Projects, ZERO TO THREE

Dr. Fraga has been with ZERO TO THREE for nine years, in commitment to the social and emotional needs of infants and toddlers. She is currently the Director for Military Projects at ZERO TO THREE, overseeing several projects committed to supporting the youngest children of military families. Throughout her career, Dr. Fraga has been involved with research, administration, training, and practice in early childhood and mental health. She has designed and provided parent education and training on a range of topics for multi-disciplinary professionals working with young children, including general early childhood education and child development and infant social and emotional development. She has edited and authored several articles on military family and deployment-related issues, presents around the country at numerous and diverse conferences, and participates on various advisory groups and boards to organizations supporting military families.

Margaret Franklin

Assistant Reserve Liaison Officer; Beneficiary Education Coordinator, TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Margaret Franklin is the Assistant Guard and Reserve Liaison and Beneficiary Education Coordinator (ARLO BEC) for TriWest Healthcare Alliance. As the ARLO BEC, Ms. Franklin works Guard and Reserve issues and coordinates the twenty-one educational representatives across the twenty-one states in TriWest's region. She has been with TriWest since 1997, moving to the marketing department in 1999. Ms. Franklin transferred to Sacramento, California in May 2008. She is considered an expert and has received a lot of recognition in the TRICARE field. She has provided TRICARE education to local and national audiences in person, on video teleconferences, and through an Internet talk show. Ms. Franklin's briefings are available through online videos that won the prestigious Telly Award in the 28th Annual competition; these videos can be viewed at www.triwest.com/ngr and www.triwest.com/t2u.

Kevin Gamble

Associate Director, eXtension Initiative

Kevin Gamble serves as Associate Director of the National eXtension Initiative with primary responsibilities for information technology. He is known for his efforts in leading the Cooperative Extension System on to the Internet. He is very interested in the educational application of social networking technologies. His PhD in Agricultural Education is from Iowa State University and he has held appointments with Iowa State University, Oregon State University, USDA, and North Carolina State University.

Kim Gates

Relationship Manager, Military OneSource

As a Relationship Manager for Military OneSource, Kim Gates assists in the oversight of the day-to-day maintenance of program delivery with emphasis on outreach, awareness, utilization, and innovation for the Marine Corps, both active duty and Reserve, as well as the Pacific Region. Ms. Gates came to Military OneSource after serving as Head, Marine Corps Family Team Building with Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps. Before that, she spent ten years working in family support programs.

CDR Brenda L. Gearhart, USPHS, LCSW-C

Division Chief, Outreach, Clearinghouse, Outreach and Advocacy Directorate, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE)

CDR Gearhart, a licensed clinical social worker, has eleven years of military experience, both as an enlisted service member and as an officer, and has served as a U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Officer since 2002. CDR Gearhart has worked at DCoE since July 2008, through the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Defense and USPHS that supplies mental health providers to DoD facilities. She was involved in the strategic planning process of this new organization and developed and initiated the Clinical Resource Support Division within the Psychological Health Clinical Standards of Care Directorate. She recently was transferred to the Clearinghouse, Outreach and Advocacy Directorate to develop the Outreach Division. She facilitates the multi-agency, multi-Service group, "Building Bridges to Support the Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Needs of Military and Veteran Families," which works jointly on projects to support families and to build community capacity. CDR Gearhart has published several articles in the *AMEDD Journal* and *Military Medicine* on family-related topics.

Connie Gillette

Communications Specialist, Educational Partnerships Branch, Department of Defense Education Activity

With more than twenty-two years in the public relations arena in the U.S., Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, Connie Gillette brings a wealth of experience in media relations, crisis communication, and communication strategy development to each project she takes on. Ms. Gillette's media relations and strategic communications experience encompasses all areas, from local, small-town media, to national outlets to international press. She is currently a Communications Specialist with the Department of Defense Education Activity's Educational Partnerships Branch which focuses on promoting quality education for every military child regardless of their location or how often their family moves.

Kenneth R. Ginsburg, M.D.

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Dr. Ginsburg is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He practices Social Adolescent Medicine: medicine with special attention to prevention and the recognition that social context, stressors, and poverty have an impact upon health. He is also the Medical Director for Covenant House, Pennsylvania, a care system that serves homeless, street, and marginalized youth in Philadelphia. While the shelter-based clinic serves all of the health needs of its patients, it focuses on stress as the underlying force that drives most behaviors that risk good health. He developed the Teen-Centered method, which is a mixed qualitative/quantitative methodology used to facilitate youth to generate, prioritize, and explain their own proposed solutions to social problems and to teach clinicians how to better serve them. Recognizing that professionals have a limited impact on the well-being of youth, he has reached out to parents and other professionals as they help young people navigate adolescence. He lectures widely to parent and professional audiences and has published the book *But I'm Almost Thirteen: An Action Plan to Raise a Responsible Adolescent*. The American Academy of Pediatrics published two of his books *A Parent's Guide to Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Your Child Roots and Wings*, which focuses on raising resilient children who can deal with stress in an increasingly complex world and *Less Stress, More Success*, which focuses on getting into college while remaining socially and emotionally balanced. The Academy also offers his stress reduction plan for teenagers in pamphlets in doctors' offices around the nation as well as on the interactive website www.aap.org/stress where teenagers can design and retrieve a personalized stress management tool. Military health professionals, counselors, and teachers use the stress reduction and resilience building strategy to serve military children as they cope with their parent's deployment.

Todd Goldsmith

Community Operations Officer, McChord Air Force Base

Todd Goldsmith is the Community Operations Officer for McChord Air Force Base (AFB) in Tacoma, Washington. He has worked with, and in support of, military kids for over ten years in California, Mississippi, and Washington State as an Air Force officer and civilian employee.

Robert S. Goodale

Program Manager, Citizen Soldier Support Program, National Demonstration Project

Robert (Bob) Goodale, former Harris Teeter CEO and North Carolina Deputy Secretary of Commerce, is managing the Citizen Soldier Support Program's Behavioral Health National Demonstration Project to "Engage communities to support and enhance the resiliency of service members and their families before, during and after mobilization and deployment," under the auspices of the University of North Carolina's Odum Institute for Research in Social Science. He served in the U.S. Army after receiving a B.S. degree from Iowa State University. He also received an M.B.A. from the University of Kansas. Mr. Goodale's story of addiction and recovery is told in *Second Chances* by Gary Stromberg and Jane Merrill: (McGraw-Hill), a collection featuring seventeen inspirational interviews with top executives in recovery including former

White House Deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver, former president of CBS Records Walter Yetnikoff, celebrity chef Andrew Zimmern, and president of the Johnson Institute Johnny Allem.

Lisa Gorman

Program Manager, Road to Reintegration, Michigan National Guard

Dr. Lisa Gorman is the Road to Reintegration Program Manager for the Michigan National Guard (NGMI). Her primary responsibilities in this role include development, implementation, and evaluation of the NGMI Road to Reintegration for Soldiers and their Supporters in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act and in collaboration with the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. Dr. Gorman received her doctorate of philosophy in Marriage and Family Therapy from Michigan State University (MSU) in June 2009. Dr. Gorman began her work with the NGMI in 2006 as a volunteer and clinical intern. At MSU, she was the project manager for the "Study of Post-Deployment Adjustment of Michigan National Guard Couples" funded by MSU Families and Communities Together grant, University Outreach and Engagement, and the Departments of Family and Child Ecology and Epidemiology. Dr. Gorman is also a consultant for ZERO TO THREE (ZTT) National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families, Military Projects. In support of ZTT Coming Together Around Military Families, Dr. Gorman offers specialized training for professionals at military installations and medical facilities nationwide in relation to the effects of deployment, injury, and loss on the early development of young children.

Karen Guice, MD, MPP

Executive Director, Federal Recovery Coordination Program (FRCP)

Karen S. Guice, M.D., M.P.P., is currently the Executive Director of the Federal Recovery Coordination Program. She has been a member of the surgical faculties at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, the University of Michigan, Duke University, and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Guice served as a staff member of the Senate Committee on Labor from 1998 to 1999 and as a member of the professional staff at the American College of Surgeons. In 2007, she served as the Deputy Director for the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors. She received the Association of Women Surgeons Distinguished Member Award in 1999 and the W.W. Coon Surgical Residents Award for Teaching Excellence at the University of Michigan in 1988. In 1993, she received the Outstanding Alumna Award from the College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University. She was given an award for Outstanding Achievement from the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 2007 for her work on the President's Commission and received a Commendation from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2009.

Barbara A. Hall

Community Development Director, Citizen Soldier Support Program

Barbara Hall is a Community Development Director with the Citizen Soldier Support Program (CSSP) within the Odum Institute for Social Science at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. As a former military spouse, Ms. Hall has twelve years of experience as both a practitioner in, and consumer of, Army family programs. She served as facilitator for Army Family Action Plan Symposiums, master trainer with Army Family Team Building, instructor for Operation READY classes and Family Resource Group Leader training, and resource advocate for exceptional family members. Ms. Hall was honored in 1999 with the Dr. Mary E. Walker award for exceptional service to Soldiers and families.

Kia Harries

Liaison, Operation: Military Kids, Minnesota; 4-H Youth Development Educator

Kia Harries has been a 4-H Youth Development Educator for over seventeen years and has worked with 4-H community clubs encouraging youth and adults to develop life skills through their project activities and volunteer opportunities. She serves as the Minnesota State Coordinator for the 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife program, providing guidance and

oversight to the volunteer training, program development, and risk management of the program. From 2004 to 2006, she served as the North Central Regional Director for the National Association of 4-H Extension Agents, representing 4-H colleagues on the National 4-H Board of Trustees and providing education and communication to the twelve states in the North Central region. Since 2008, Ms. Harries has served as the Minnesota 4-H Military Liaison with oversight for the Minnesota Operation: Military Kids program.

Lauri Hershner, MBA

Consumer Insights Strategist, LaunchForce

As a Consumer Insights Strategist, Lauri Hershner is involved in all facets of LaunchForce's research initiatives, aiding in research development, collection and interpretation, project management, and research event coordination. She brings her unique background in Psychology and Mental Health Counseling to this position, having spent three years specializing in child therapy and parent/child dynamics before completing an MBA and joining LaunchForce. As a RIVA-trained moderator, Ms. Hershner has led focus groups, Family Dynamic Interviews, and individual interviews for more than nine clients while with LaunchForce. She has been closely involved in many mom/kid research projects for ConAgra, Heifer International, Kellogg's, McNeil Pharmaceuticals, National Dairy Council, Penn State University, R.G. Barry, and Sara Lee.

Dr. Cathy Hockaday

State Specialist, Extension to Families, Iowa State University

Dr. Cathy Hockaday is an Extension to Families State Specialist at Iowa State University. As a State Specialist, she serves in the role as program coordinator for the federally and internationally recognized universal prevention program entitled Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14 (SFP 10-14). Dr. Hockaday is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor for the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Iowa State University. She teaches courses on human development and guidance, research methods, public policy, life span development, and professional relationships. Dr. Hockaday is a Certified Family Life Educator, a certified master trainer of SFP 10-14, and a certified facilitator of WestEd's Program for Infant Toddler Caregivers. Dr. Hockaday received the College of Human Science's Adjunct Faculty Distinguished Service Award at Iowa State University in 2008. Dr. Hockaday has conducted research on substance abuse prevention programs since 2000. She was the Co-Principal Investigator for several federal grants funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Education. These grants evaluated prevention intervention programs that focused on school success, drop-out prevention, life skills training, and reducing health-related risks such as substance use in children and adolescents.

Isabel Hodge

Program Manager, Exceptional Family Member (EFM) Family Support, OSD

Isabel Hodge is a former Marine, current Marine spouse, and the mother of an eighteen year old son with autism. Ms. Hodge has spent her career working to support military families with special needs, first as an Exceptional Family Member Program Manager for the Marine Corps and then at Marine Corps Headquarters. She created the first Department of Defense website for Exceptional Family Members called EFMConnections. Now she works with the Office of Communications on issues dealing with Exceptional Family Members.

Sue Hoppin

*Deputy Director, Spouse Outreach, Benefits Information Department,
Military Officers Association of America*

Sue Hoppin joined the Benefits Information Department staff of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) in 2005 and quickly established herself as an expert in military spouse issues. In addition to holding a variety of paid positions, Ms. Hoppin came to MOAA with over thirteen years experience serving in the military community as a volunteer. Her responsibilities ranged from squadron fundraiser and spouse club membership chair to the presidency of both the Kadena Officers' Spouses' Club and of the Ramstein Elementary School PTA. Ms. Hoppin was recognized for her volunteer efforts with awards as Volunteer of the Year at McConnell AFB (1999) and as the 76th Airlift Squadron Spouse of the Year (2002). In 2006, she was selected to be MOAA's first assistant director for spouse outreach. In 2007, Military Spouse Magazine named Sue on their 2007 Who's Who of Military Spouses list recognizing twelve spouses who have made significant contributions in the military community for all military spouses.

Ron Horne

Deputy Director, Transition Assistance Program, Office of Transition Policy & Care Coordination

Ronald (Ron) Horne is the Director of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) within the Office of Transition Policy and Care Coordination, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Horne was the Program Manager for TAP, where he served from September 2003 to March 2008. From March 2008 through September 2008, Mr. Horne worked at the OSD Joint Family Resource Center with the Joint Family Support Assistance Program (JFSAP). Mr. Horne served twenty-four years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1995. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General's Corps from the Officers' Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Prior to his commission, Mr. Horne served in the enlisted ranks in the Military Police Corps.

Sherri Hrovatin

Relationship Manager, Military OneSource

Sherri Hrovatin is a Military OneSource Relationship Manager for the National Guard. She serves as the liaison on high interest programs like Families; Chaplains; Yellow Ribbon; Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and others. With nineteen years of military service, Ms. Hrovatin has extensive experience in the helping profession with the overall military community. As a Captain in the Air National Guard, she is a Services Commander focusing on Morale, Welfare and Recreation with emphasis on fitness, food service, and health improvement.

Angela Huebner, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Department of Human Development, Virginia Tech

Dr. Angela Huebner is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Development at Virginia Tech, housed at the Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church, Virginia. She teaches graduate level courses in research as part of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program. Her recent qualitative work has focused on stressors facing adolescents in military families. She has also conducted numerous evaluation studies on the impact of military support services such as Operation: Military Kids and the Military Family Life Consultant Program. Her scholarly work has appeared in *Journal of Adolescent Health, Family Relations, Youth & Society, Journal of Youth and Adolescence, Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Use, Addictive Behaviors, Journal of Child & Family Studies, and Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*. In addition to her research and teaching, Dr. Huebner conducts family therapy with military families at the Fort Belvoir Chaplain Family Life Ministry and Training Center.

Haslyn E. R. Hunte, Ph.D., MPH

Assistant Professor, Public Health Program, Purdue University

Haslyn Hunte's main area of research is social determinants of health. Using a multidisciplinary system approach, Mr. Hunte seeks to bridge the gap between the social and biological sciences by understanding health as a result complex and dynamic interaction between physiological, behavioral, psychological and socio-demographic factors. Mr. Hunte's current research activities include studying the impact of psychosocial stressor on health outcomes and on maladaptive coping health behaviors and the health of the heterogeneous Black population within the U.S. He received his Ph.D. in Health Services Organization and Policy from the University of Michigan and his Masters degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Mona M. Johnson, MA, CPP, CDP

Director, Learning and Teaching Support, Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

As Director of Learning and Teaching Support for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ms. Johnson oversees multiple state and federal programs centered on student physical, social, and emotional prevention and intervention services, supportive learning environments, and Operation: Military Kids. She provides leadership to 295 school districts and 9 consortia across the state. Ms. Johnson also works as a private consultant at the local, state, and national levels in the areas of professional wellness, resilience, childhood trauma, substance abuse, and violence prevention.

Jenny Jordan

Volunteer and Teen Program Specialist, Georgia 4-H Faculty, University of Georgia

Jenny Jordan, Extension 4-H Faculty, has worked with University of Georgia Cooperative Extension for twenty years. Her state appointment as volunteer and teen program specialist for the past fourteen years includes responsibilities in leading and facilitating programs for high school 4-H'ers and 10,000 4-H volunteers. During her specialist tenure, she has trained 25,000 faculty, staff, youth, and volunteers. She serves as a key member of the training team for staff of Georgia's thirteen military installations and has been selected to plan and facilitate training for the Georgia National Guard Family Readiness Conference and the Georgia National Guard Teen Panel Training.

Dave Julian

Director, Office of Personal Finance, OSD

Dave Julian is the Director of the OSD Office of Personal Finance (OPF) in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community & Family Policy. OPF is responsible for policies and programs that directly support the personal financial readiness of troops and families through education, awareness, counseling, and protections. He is a Navy veteran, retiring as a Commander in June 2009 after twenty-two years. As a Nuclear Propulsion qualified Surface Warfare Officer, he served on nuclear and non-nuclear ships, ranging from frigates to aircraft carriers. His shore assignments included Instructor, Damage Control Assistant School, Newport Rhode Island; Head, Officer Professional Development, OPNAV N131, Washington, DC; and Associate Director, Office of Family Policy. While at MC&FP, he also served as Director of the Military Severely Injured Center and Director, Office of Personal Finance & Transition.

Brian Kadlec

Manager, Financial Services, Military OneSource

Brian Kadlec holds an MBA from the University of Minnesota –Carlson School of Business and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Economics from University of Minnesota. He provides fourteen years experience in operation management and managing service delivery operation. He is responsible for managing the A team of Master Level Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC) certified financial counselors and financial planning affiliates and a network of CPAs.

Elaine Kanellis

Deputy Chief, Communications, Department of Defense Education Activity

With more than twenty-five years in the public relations field, Elaine Kanellis has extensive experience in media relations and community relations. She has served as a public affairs specialist at every level and component of the U.S. Army, to include installation, major command, and Headquarters, Department of the Army. She has coordinated media coverage regarding highly-visible, controversial, and crisis matters with local, regional, national, and international news media outlets. Her experience includes facilitating coverage by news organizations such as ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and CNN; The Oprah Show; Good Morning America; CBS 60 Minutes; the History Channel; The New York Times; USA Today; the Washington Post; and TIME Magazine.

Dr. Mary Keller

President and CEO, Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

Dr. Keller served as a public school educator for almost twenty-one years before moving from her volunteer role as the Chair of MCEC to President and Chief Executive Officer. She was one of the founders of MCEC, a national nonprofit organization that serves as an advocate for military children as they transition between school systems. Dr. Keller has authored several publications including *The Military Child: Mobility and Education* for Phi Delta Kappa (1998). She is the chief researcher and author for the US Army's Secondary Education Transition Study (2000). Dr. Keller was also the chief researcher and co-author of the MCEC's school transition study for the US Pacific Command (2005).

Susan Kerner-Hoeg

Director, Military Relations, Citizen Soldier Support Program, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Ms. Susan Kerner-Hoeg is the Director of Military Relations for the Citizen Soldier Support Program (CSSP). Ms. Kerner-Hoeg's responsibilities include coordination and collaboration with each of the Services as well as the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Ms. Kerner-Hoeg oversees program implementation activities, identifies and coordinates with key CSSP stakeholders, develops strategic partnerships with military organizations, and works closely with the members of the CSSP National Advisory Council. For ten years, Ms. Kerner-Hoeg ran the Organizational and Military Community Research business practice at Caliber Associates/ICF International, which comprised seventeen professionals specializing in military organization and manpower issues. Prior to her work at Caliber/ICFI, Ms. Kerner-Hoeg was the Chief of the U.S. Army Personnel Survey Division. Ms. Kerner-Hoeg holds a B.S. in psychology from Duke University and an M.S. in statistics from The Catholic University.

Ed Kringer

Director, State Liaison and Education Opportunities

As Director, Ed Kringer has two primary areas of responsibility: providing a focal point within the Department of Defense (DoD) for policy, resource review and advocacy for DoD Continuing Education programs, and educating state policymakers and concerned business and nonprofit interests about the needs of military members and their families in order to remove unnecessary barriers and significantly improve their quality of life. Mr. Kringer retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2004 as a senior military officer after thirty years of distinguished service. He worked at all levels in the personnel career field. As a Mission Support Squadron Commander, he was responsible for personnel, education and training, family support, and social actions for the installation. In his last assignment as the Director of Personnel, he oversaw the same responsibilities for Air Force members and their families throughout Europe. In addition to these jobs, he worked on various Air Force and Joint staffs where he was involved in end-strength management and programming/budgeting of personnel and training. In addition to his work in human resources, he commanded a 2500 member Mission Support Group responsible for communication, security, civil engineering, recreation, and personnel services for a base hosting 13,000 people.

Judy Langford

Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Social Policy

Judy Langford is a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Social Policy in Washington, DC. Her work includes field research, presentations, and technical assistance to foundations, governmental agencies, and private organizations in developing and implementing family supportive policies and practices. She currently leads the national initiative on Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education, in implementation in thirty states with assistance from multidisciplinary state leadership teams and a network of national partner organizations. She is on the leadership team for the Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau. She has been a member of the Community Change Initiatives management team for the Annie E. Casey Foundation. She was previously Executive Director of the Family Resource Coalition and headed the Ounce of Prevention Fund in Chicago. She has been an advisor to numerous foundation initiatives, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, and the Casey Family Programs.

Douglas H. Lehman, LCSW, CAC III

Department of Behavioral Health and Social Work Services, Evans Army Community Hospital

Douglas H. Lehman has worked for Evans Army Community Hospital, Department of Behavioral Health, and Social Work Services for nine years. He has been in the social work field for over nineteen years. Mr. Lehman is currently credentialed at EVANS Army Community Hospital to provide treatment for children from birth and adults in the therapeutic arena. Mr. Lehman has developed a twelve-week developmentally appropriate curriculum for children of deployed soldiers. This curriculum has been used with approximately 278 students since 9/11. Last summer, Mr. Lehman was the Behavioral Health Consultant for the National Military Family Association, contributing to programming to include the therapeutic components for the Wounded Warrior Symposium in Indianapolis, Indiana and the pilot program "Healing Adventure" at Camp ASSCA, Alabama for wounded service members and their family members. Mr. Lehman has presented at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Department of Deployment Psychology, Bethesda, Maryland on the program entitled "Deployment and Redeployment: The Cycle Continues." In June 2009, he was a panelist at the Summit for Military Children and Families, Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Lehman also presented for The Council of Helping Professionals at the Pentagon in June.

Dr. Patricia Lester, M.D.

Director, Project FOCUS; Professor, Psychiatry, University of California - Los Angeles

Dr. Lester is the Director for the FOCUS project (Families Over Coming Under Stress) based at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA and the Medical Director of UCLA Child and Family Trauma Psychiatry Service at the UCLA School of Medicine. Her work has been dedicated to the development, evaluation, and dissemination of family-centered prevention and treatment for families facing the impact of combat stress, serious medical illness, community trauma, and parental loss. She co-developed FOCUS and has served as a consultant on the needs of military children and families for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, United States Marine Corps, Zero to Three Coming Together Around Military Children Advisory Panel, and the Uniformed Armed Services University Center for Traumatic Stress. Her research and service program work have been supported by the Department of Defense, National Institute for Mental Health, and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Dr. Rachel Lipari, Ph.D.

Senior Scientist, Human Relations Surveys, Defense Manpower Data Center

Dr. Rachel Lipari is the Senior Scientist for the Human Relations Surveys in the Program Evaluation Branch of the Human Resources Strategic Assessment Program (HRSAP) of the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). Dr. Lipari oversees research focused on large-scale, paper-and-pencil surveys, which are used to obtain data on sensitive topics (e.g., sexual assault) and from populations who have limited Internet access (e.g., military spouses).

David W. Lloyd

Director, Family Advocacy Program, OSD

David W. Lloyd is the Director of the Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community & Family Policy. He has responsibility for policy development and oversight of the DoD social service program that addresses the prevention, clinical intervention, and treatment of family violence in military families worldwide. In his previous government position, Mr. Lloyd was Director of the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He had previously served as Project Director of the National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse, as General Counsel for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and as Counsel for the Division of Child Protection, Children's National Medical Center. He began his legal career by representing abused and neglected children in the District of Columbia Superior Court. He previously served in the U.S. Army and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia.

Charles R. Lowery, Jr.

Acting Director, Military Saves

For the past five years, Mr. Lowery worked as a Policy Counsel for the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), a nonprofit policy organization that promotes responsible lending practices and access to fair terms of credit for low wealth families. During that time, he organized, developed, and maintained military outreach activities with the Department of Defense and the Departments of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force in the areas of predatory mortgage lending, payday lending, and other abusive consumer financial services practices and products. He also served as a state coordinator in states targeted for legislative initiatives in the areas of predatory mortgage lending and payday lending. Prior to working at CRL, Mr. Lowery spent seven years as General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel for the DC Department of Banking and Financial Institutions. Mr. Lowery's career includes almost thirty years of public service including positions with DC Government, federal government, and legal services. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and Stanford University and has been a resident of the District for over twenty years.

Cory Lyman

U.S. Air Force, Director, Individual and Family Support Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, (Reserve Affairs)

Colonel Cory Harline Lyman assumed the duties of the Assistant Director for Individual and Family Support Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs on March 12, 2008. Prior to this assignment Colonel Lyman served in key positions in the National Guard Bureau. His responsibilities have included the following: Chief, Air National Guard Office of Cultural Transformation from December 2006 to March 2008; Chief, Plans and Operations in the National Guard Family Program Office from July 2005 to November 2006; and ANG, Military Equal Opportunity Program Manager from June 2001 to July 2004. Colonel Lyman practiced for fourteen years as a clinical social worker at two different university psychological service centers while maintaining a private practice. Midway through his professional practice, Colonel Lyman returned to pursue further education and received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Social Work from the University of Utah in 1997. Col Lyman is the recipient of the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, Ph.D.

Professor and Director, Military Family Research Institute, Purdue University

Dr. Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth's research focuses on relationships between job conditions and family life, with special focus on military families and organizational policies, programs, and practices. Dr. MacDermid is a fellow of the National Council on Family Relations and a recipient of the Work Life Legacy Award from the Families and Work Institute. Dr. MacDermid recently served as the civilian co-chair of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health and currently serves on the Psychological Health External Advisory Committee to the Defense Health Board and the Returning Veterans Committee of the Institute of Medicine. The Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University was created in 2000 with funding from the Department of Defense. In September 2007, the Military Family Research Institute received funding from the Lilly Endowment to continue its research on military families and to expand its mission to include supporting the military infrastructures that support military families and strengthening the motivation and capacity of civilian communities to support their military families within and beyond Indiana.

Mike Magnusson

Program Consultant, Joint Family Support Assistance Program, Military OneSource, Ohio

Mike Magnusson currently serves as the Ohio Military OneSource Joint Family Support Assistance Program Consultant. Prior to this position, Mr. Magnusson served as the Chief of Prevention Services for the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and served as the Vice President of External Affairs for the National Prevention Network. Mr. Magnusson is an Internationally Certified Prevention Specialist with more than twenty-seven years of experience in the alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment, and recovery services profession including more than a decade of service as a statewide Safe and Drug-Free Schools consultant with the Ohio Department of Education. Mike served in the U.S. Air Force and received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his meritorious service.

Howard Markman, Ph.D.

Co-Director, Denver Center for Marital and Family Studies, Department of Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

Dr. Howard Markman, Ph.D. and Scott Stanley, Ph.D., are co-directors of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver. Dr. Markman is a professor of psychology, receiving his B.A. from Rutgers University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Indiana University. For over two decades, Markman and Stanley's research program has worked on the prediction and prevention of relationship discord and divorce and the effects of destructive conflict and relationship

distress prevention on mental health. This team has written over 120 journal articles, books, and papers based on their research. Since 1980, this body of research has received support from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institutes of Child Health and Development, the Administration of Children and Families, the National Science Foundation, and the Hunt Foundation.

Joanne Marshall-Mies

President, Swan Research Inc.

Joanne Marshall-Mies is an industrial and organizational psychologist with over twenty-five years of experience in conducting research in applied behavioral and social sciences. Much of her work has involved the application of psychological principles to research relevant to organizations and the world of work. In addition to her strong technical skills, Ms. Marshall-Mies has demonstrated effective program management, project direction, and staff supervision skills in numerous research settings. This includes nineteen years as President and Director of Research at SWAN and prior experience as Program Manager for a major corporation and as Senior Scientist/Project Director for several large behavioral science research organizations.

Pam McClelland

Preparedness and Response Manager, Navy Family for Fleet and Family Readiness

Pam McClelland is the Community Alliance and Family Readiness Emergency Program Manager for the Commander Navy Installations Command. She has a vast amount of experience in assisting military families in disaster situations that varies from airplane incident response, to natural disaster relief, to being a member of the cadre that stood up the Pentagon Family Assistance Center after the September 11 attack. Since retiring from the U.S. Air Force (USAF), she has worked as a Personal Financial Manager, Deployment Specialist, and Team Lead at the Bolling AFB Family Support Center, the Family Support Outreach Coordinator on the National Guard Joint Staff and as an Instructional Designer at the Veterans Administration. In her current position, she manages the preparation, response, and recovery efforts to the Navy Family for Fleet and Family Readiness.

Jennifer McKee, MSW

Regional School Liaison Officer, Navy Region Northwest

Since 2005, Ms. McKee has been working with Navy children, youth, and families. Currently, as the Regional School Liaison Officer for Navy Region Northwest, Ms. McKee provides leadership to four major Navy installations in the six state regions through coordination of services for families, schools, and commanders to include transition and deployment support, communications, partnership development, and home school and post-secondary assistance. Prior to working with the Navy, Ms. McKee spent ten years working with children and youth in a variety of settings to include education, recreation, mental health, and juvenile justice.

Karen Medbury, LCSW, CAS

Clinical Supervisor, USAFE, Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services (ASACS)

Ms. Karen Medbury, MSW, LCSW is a Masters prepared social worker with twenty-five years of experience working with adolescents and their families. Ms. Medbury has worked with the ASACS program for the past five years and is currently the program supervisor for all of USAFE. Besides monitoring the Air Force sites in Europe, she also coordinates with Major Command and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) representatives to establish accessible services for all adolescents. Previously Ms. Medbury worked in federal Medicaid programs creating and implementing services for adolescents.

Terry Meisenbach

Communications and Marketing Leader, eXtension Initiative

Terry Meisenbach serves as Communications and Marketing Leader of the National eXtension Initiative. He is responsible for media relations, production of communication and marketing products, and the recognition and use of eXtension system-wide. He is a recognized leader of the Cooperative Extension System. He has held communication leadership positions with the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (USDA), and the University of Nebraska.

Eddy Mentzer

*Program Manager, 4-H Military Partnerships, National 4-H Headquarters,
U.S. Department of Agriculture*

As the 4-H Military Partnership Program Manager at the National 4-H Headquarters, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Eddy Mentzer provides fiscal and programmatic oversight to more than thirty million dollars in state grants supporting military children and families. These programs focus on engaging young people in ongoing educational experiences and deployment support. In addition, he manages formal partnerships with the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Prior to joining the National 4-H Headquarters in 2004, Mr. Mentzer served for fourteen years in various capacities as a civilian employee of the U.S. Air Force in the youth development arena. Mr. Mentzer also works as a consultant to a variety of youth-serving organizations at the city, county, and state level.

Dr. Laura Miller

Military Sociologist, RAND Corporation

Laura L. Miller is a military sociologist who has spent the past seventeen years studying the lives of service members and their families through observations, discussion groups, interviews, and surveys. Miller has conducted research at numerous stateside posts and in Kuwait, Qatar, Korea, Germany, Somalia, Haiti, Macedonia, Bosnia, and Afghanistan. This research has resulted in many publications including the co-authored *How Deployments Affect Service Members* (RAND 2006).

Sherod Miller, Ph.D.

CEO, Interpersonal Communication Programs, Inc.

Sherod Miller, Ph.D. is a social psychologist and CEO of Interpersonal Communication Programs, Inc. in Evergreen, Colorado. He is a co-developer of ThriveSphere, the Collaborative Marriage Reflectment (Inventory) and the Couple Communication Program, which was originally developed at the University of Minnesota Family Study Center. Over 700,000 couples, including service men and women from all branches of the U.S. military, have participated in Couple Communication and more than seventy independent research studies have been conducted on the program. He has received four awards from major associations for his teaching and research.

Claudia Mincemoyer

Associate Professor, Agricultural and Extension Education, Pennsylvania State University

Claudia Mincemoyer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education with programmatic and research interests in non-formal curriculum development, positive youth development, and out-of-school time programming. She received her Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in Rural Sociology and is an affiliate faculty member of the Prevention Research Center. She is a co-investigator on PROSPER in Pennsylvania.

Kelly Mohondro, Ph.D.

Program Analyst, Office of Counseling, OSD

Dr. Kelly Mohondro currently works in the Office of Counseling, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Military Community & Family Policy. Dr. Mohondro is a Navy veteran and has worked in the social/human service and/or mental health field for the past eleven years. Dr. Mohondro earned her Ph.D. in Psychology with an emphasis in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate University.

Jena Moore

Program Analyst, Office of Counseling, OSD

Jena Moore joined the Military Community & Family Policy (MC&FP) team in September 2007 and has been supporting the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense's counseling initiatives since her arrival. Prior to joining MC&FP, Ms. Moore was a Military OneSource Consultant and a Severely Injured Specialist with Military OneSource beginning in August 2005. As a Severely Injured Specialist, she provided case management assistance to those injured while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and upheld the philosophy of "You name it... We can Help!" as a Military OneSource Consultant. In 2004, Ms. Moore was the Program Director for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (T*A*P*S). During her time with T*A*P*S, she provided grief and trauma resource and referral, casualty casework guidance, and crisis intervention to all those impacted by the death of a loved one serving in the armed forces.

Opal Moore-Harris

Relationship Manager, Military OneSource

Opal Moore-Harris is a Military OneSource Relationship Manager for the Army, Air Force, and Navy Reserve. A social worker for nineteen years, Ms. Moore-Harris has extensive experience in the helping profession in community nonprofits, hospital social work, child protective services, drug and alcohol treatment, and Army family readiness programs. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and a Master of Social Work from Temple University in Pennsylvania. Ms. Moore-Harris is a retired military spouse and lives with her husband in Leavenworth, Kansas.

D. Seabrease Morsi

Recreation Program Analyst, Semper Fit Branch, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps

Seabrease Morsi began her career in military recreation with the Army in Amberg, Germany as the Program Director of the Pond Barracks Recreation Center. During her five years overseas, she assumed positions to include Youth Activities/Youth Sports Director, Recreation Center Manager, Athletics and Fitness Director, and Community Recreation Division Director, supervising programs such as Auto Skill, Library, Outdoor Recreation, Youth Activities, School Age Care, Sports, Fitness, and special events. Following her marriage to a soldier in 1988, Ms. Morsi moved to Ft. Knox, Kentucky for one year where she worked in Child Care and Youth Sports. In 1990, she became the Youth Activities Director at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, overseeing Youth Centers, Youth Sports, School Age Care Programs and Teen Programs. Ms. Morsi sits on the Board of Directors of the Armed Forces Recreation Society as the Aquatics Liaison and is a long-standing member of the National Recreation Park Association. Ms. Morsi also sits on the AFRS/NTRS Task Force for Wound Warriors and represents the Marine Corps regarding inclusive recreation practices and training.

Casey Mull

Military Program Liaison, Georgia 4-H, University of Georgia

Casey Mull, Georgia 4-H Military Liaison, has worked with University of Georgia Cooperative Extension for four years supporting military 4-H'ers, families, and programs. Under his leadership, military installation 4-H programs have been chartered, Georgia 4-H enrollment of military youth has grown to include more than 25% of the total 4-H military youth nationwide, and the Georgia JFSAP program has increased membership.

Daniel Nichols, MA, MDiv, MBA

Executive Director, Military to Medicine Institute, Inova Health System

Daniel Nichols is the founder and Executive Director of the Military to Medicine Institute, a nonprofit training and employment organization that is part of Inova Health System. Prior to founding the Institute, Daniel served as Director of System Recruitment and Human Resources (HR) Information Systems for Inova Health System in Northern Virginia where he led talent acquisition and technology strategies. Daniel is a multi-year recipient of the Secretary of Labor's Exceptional Achievement Award, received while serving as Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary of Veterans' Employment & Training at the U.S. Department of Labor. His authorship and innovation were central to the launch of the Secretary's premier training and employment programs for wounded warriors. Chaplain Nichols is a Navy Reserve Officer and a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, having deployed with U.S. Marine Corps forces in 2003 and for which he was awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Kenneth Norton

Director, Connect Suicide Prevention Project, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Kenneth Norton is employed by NAMI New Hampshire where he serves as the Director of the Connect Suicide Prevention Project, which is designated as a National Best Practice program in suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. Mr. Norton participated in the development of New Hampshire's state Suicide Prevention Plan and was instrumental in passage of legislation which established a state Suicide Prevention Council. Mr. Norton serves on the steering committee of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and is also on the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, which is planning to revise the National Suicide Prevention Strategy. He actively volunteers in his community, helped to develop the domestic violence/sexual assault program in his county, served as a licensed foster parent, and works extensively on conservation and environmental issues including the development of a local rail trail. A Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker with over twenty-five years of experience, the New Hampshire Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers named Mr. Norton their "Social Worker of the Year" for 2009.

Lolita T. O'Donnell, Ph.D., RN

Deputy Director, Clearinghouse, Outreach & Advocacy Directorate, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE)

Dr. O'Donnell, a Medical-Surgical Clinical Nurse, is one of the original staff members of the DCoE since its establishment in November of 2007. She was involved with the initial planning and continues to be involved with the development of the Concept of Operations, programs, initiatives, and advocacy efforts for service members, veterans, and their families with psychological health and traumatic brain injury concerns. Prior to her appointment with the DCoE, Dr O'Donnell was an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the College of Nursing and Health Science, George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia from 2003 to 2007. Dr O'Donnell coordinated the 2nd Degree accelerated BSN nursing program and taught nursing research, leadership, nursing administration, and all phases of clinical nursing. From 1990 to 2003, Dr O'Donnell's civilian nursing experiences at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington DC included medical/surgical nursing, case management, quality and risk management, and hospital accreditation. Her military experiences include serving as a Clinical Nurse in the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps, 1988 to 1993. She was deployed during Desert Storm and Desert Shield and also served as a Flight Nurse.

Dr. Dennis K. Orthner

Professor and Associate Director, Jordan Institute for Family, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill; Research Associate, Jordan Institute, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dr. Dennis K. Orthner is Professor of Social Work and Associate Director of the Jordan Institute for Families at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently serving as the Evaluation Director for the federally-sponsored Essential Life Skills for Military Families Program now being offered to military active and reserve component families in all Services. He previously served as Director of the National Center for Citizen-Soldier Support, a community capacity-building effort to support National Guard and Reserve personnel and families. He directs the Family Strengths Project, which attempts to identify factors that are associated with family risk and resilience. He recently developed reports for the U.S. Army on the adjustment of military families to separations, deployments, and relocations. Dr. Orthner earlier served as the Chief Scientist for the Army Family Research Program, on the board of directors of the National Military Family Association, and established a military family research program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Kathleen A. Ott

Director, Talent Acquisition, Development and Management

Ms. Kathleen Ott is a Senior Executive on the staff of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy), where she serves as the Director for Talent Acquisition, Development, and Management. In this position, she is responsible for civilian personnel policies in the areas of recruiting, staffing, quality of work life, compensation, benefits, performance and training, and for Base Realignments and Closure activities. Ms. Ott also has extensive experience in reengineering, which she gained in her position as the Deputy Director for the Department of the Navy Human Resources Reengineering. Ms. Ott is the recipient of numerous awards including former Vice President Gore's Government Reinvention Award, which she received in recognition of her work on the Shipyard closure team. Ms. Ott has also received the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award and numerous performance awards.

Dr. Charles Patterson

Director, Training and Transition, Military Impacted Schools Association

Dr. Charles Patterson is the Director of Training and Transition for the Military Impacted Schools Association. He has served over forty years in education as a teacher and administrator. Dr. Patterson retired in 2004 after eighteen years as superintendent of Killeen Independent School District, serving the military families at Fort Hood, Texas. Dr. Patterson is past-president of ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development), the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, the Military Impacted Schools Association, and the Texas Gifted and Talented. He is a member of the Advisory Group and served on the Drafting Team of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. Dr. Patterson served as Project Director of the Collaborative Teacher Induction Program for novice teachers in Texas.

Daniel Perkins, Ph.D.

Professor, Youth and Family Resiliency and Policy, Pennsylvania State University

Daniel Perkins is a Professor of Family and Youth Resiliency and Policy. His research interests include intersection between prevention science and promotion; Type II Translational Research, youth and family resiliency; collaboration strategies; program evaluation; and human ecosystems. His Ph.D. is from Michigan State University in Family and Child Ecology and he is an affiliate faculty member of the Prevention Research Center. He is a co-investigator on PROSPER in Pennsylvania.

Rebecca Posante, Ph.D.

Director, Office of Communication, MC&FP

Rebecca Posante is the Director of the Office of Communications, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Military Community & Family Policy (MC&FP). The Office of Communications is responsible for content, coordination, and development on the MC&FP websites and applications and communicates all MC&FP initiatives and resources to field service providers. Ms. Posante has a doctorate in special education and has worked for the DoD for twenty-five years. Most of that time has been working on issues related to families with special needs, which led her to develop a website for them, and eventually to direct the office that develops MC&FP's website, MilitaryHOMEFRONT.

CAPT Lee Anne Powell

*Director of Metrics, Tools and Evaluation, Recovery Coordination Program,
Office of Transition Policy & Care Coordination*

CAPT Lee Anne Powell was recalled to active duty status in 2008 to serve as a Case Management Subject Matter Expert for the Department of Defense (DoD) in the support of the implementation of the Recovery Coordination Program, in compliance with the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act. The Recovery Coordination Program (RCP) was developed to assist the military Services by providing policy, oversight, and uniform standards tools to serve recovering service members and their families. The program places Recovery Care Coordinators in the Wounded Warrior Programs to provide assistance and oversight of a Comprehensive Recovery Plan. CAPT Powell also assists in the development of policy, procedures, and identification of best practices for the care and transition of wounded, ill, and injured service members and their families. CAPT Powell is a board-certified Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist, a Certified Case Manager (CCM), and also a member of the Case Management Society of America, American Society of Military Surgeons.

Maureen Pratt

Communications Manager, Office of Transition Policy & Care Coordination

Maureen Pratt is a Strategic Communications Consultant on Booz Allen Hamilton's Organization and Strategy team. Currently, she is supporting the Office of Transition Policy & Care Coordination (TPCC). In this role, Ms. Pratt provides communications planning, writing, editing, and outreach support to increase awareness of TPCC and its Care Coordination efforts among stakeholders across government agencies, military Services, and other partner organizations. Ms. Pratt serves as the communications lead for the National Resource Directory Website (www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov) which is an online tool for wounded, ill, and injured service members, veterans, and their families. Prior to joining Booz Allen, Ms. Pratt spent six years in the public policy arena in fundraising and communications in Washington DC. Most recently, she worked as a Consultant for the Virginia-based Lexington Institute, Development Director at the Alliance for School Choice and Communications Director at the Washington Legal Foundation. In these positions, her responsibilities included building and managing relationships with philanthropic donors, grant-writing, event-planning, grassroots mobilization, and the development and implementation of long-term fundraising strategies.

Brian Rabian, Ph.D.

*Associate Clinical Professor; Assistant Director, Child and Adolescent Services, The Psychological Clinic,
Pennsylvania State University*

Brian Rabian received his doctorate in clinical psychology from George Washington University in 1992, followed by a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Florida International University as coordinator of the Child Phobia and Anxiety Program. Dr. Rabian joined the faculty of the University of Southern Mississippi in 1993 and remained at Southern Mississippi for eight years including several years as Director of Clinical Training before joining the faculty at Pennsylvania State in 2001. Currently, he is Director of The Pennsylvania State Psychological Clinic. Dr. Rabian has published numerous articles and

chapters on the topic of child psychopathology, in particular child anxiety. His work is annually presented at national research conferences including conferences of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies and the Anxiety Disorders Association of America. He is currently conducting research on risk factors for anxiety and shared risk between anxiety and depression. In 2003, Dr. Rabian was a member of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America's Task Force on Children.

Beth Raney

Professional Development Leader, eXtension Initiative

Beth Raney serves as Professional Development Leader of the National eXtension Initiative with primary responsibilities for professional development. Areas of expertise include content management, wikis, web conferencing, and social media. Ms. Raney is a long time employee of Pennsylvania State University with experiences in computer adoption and educational program development and delivery.

Robert Reynolds

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Amy F. Richardson holds a Ph.D. in Public and International Affairs from Princeton University and is a policy analyst at RAND. She has conducted and led research in a variety of areas including the effects of deployment on children. This research has focused on identifying the quantitative effects of deployment on student test performance and school behavior for children of deployed Army soldiers and understanding the challenges these children face in the classroom and in accessing care for mental and behavioral health. She has also conducted studies on recruiting and retention of Army clinicians and on options to enhance continuum of service for current and former Army soldiers.

Beth Riffle, M.S. Ed.

Deputy Director, Office of Communications, MC&FP

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Trevor Romain

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Trevor Romain is a best-selling children's book author, award-winning video personality, motivational speaker, and president of The Trevor Romain Company, an educational publisher of supplemental curriculum in Austin, Texas. He has traveled all over the world delivering his message of hope and compassion to school age children. Mr. Romain uses humor to engage the children and then weaves in his messages to inspire kids to become better people and better friends to their peers. As the Washington Post said, "His rapport with kids is a stunning thing to watch." Mr. Romain has worked extensively over the last two years with the United Services Organization (USO) and The Department of Defense Education System. He has spoken to children all around the world on military bases with the USO and has spoken at Operation Purple Camps, Navy Summer Camps, and throughout the Department of Defense school system. He speaks to the kids about multiple issues, such as bullying, deployment, peer pressure, and compassion. Mr. Romain also speaks at many state counselor conferences. He shares stories that help people who work with kids gain a deeper insight to what children are feeling and experiencing in today's complicated world.

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Dr. Bernard Rostker is a Senior Fellow at RAND. Previously he served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness from 2000 to 2001, the 25th Under Secretary of the Army from 1998 to 2000, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs from 1994 to 1998. From 1996 to 2001, he was also Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense of Gulf War Illnesses. Since 2001, his research has focused on personnel issues for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Department of Defense, and several police departments including New Orleans and New York City. He is the author of the critically acclaimed book *I Want You: The Evolution of the All-Volunteer Force*. Dr. Rostker received the Distinguished Service Awards U.S. Government five times and is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

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Kari Schaeffler

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Kari Schaeffler has more than eighteen years of experience in adult education, training, and program development. Energizing and engaging audiences worldwide, her expertise lies in the multi-generational workforce, financial management, effective leadership, change and performance management, conflict resolution, and career transition. Ms. Schaeffler's passion for training was ignited when she served as a member of the U.S. Navy Return & Reunion training team. Meeting U.S. fleets in Europe and crossing the Atlantic home with them, she presented more than twenty unique classes related to reintegration after six months at sea. Additional career highlights include serving nearly four years as a member of a mobile training team, providing Financial Management Certification training to military leaders across the globe. Currently she serves as a senior trainer facilitating *Interest Based Negotiation* (IBN) supervisory skills training, Assertiveness Training for Women in Business, and Personnel Management and Career Transition courses. As a keynote speaker, she also delivers insights into contemporary corporate issues, including *The Advantages of a Multi-Generational Workforce* and *Trust in the Workplace*.

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Catherine Schagh has been the Director of the Impact Aid Program at the U.S. Department of Education since January 1995. Prior to that, she was a Division Director on the program staff. Previously, she spent thirteen years on the staff of the Budget Office at the Department of Education. A native of Minnesota, she resides in Annandale, Virginia.

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Jeff Sensenig is a Clinical Supervisor on the Military Onesource (MOS) Team at Ceridian Corporation. He was the Project Manager for the Short Term Solution Focused Online Consultation (STSF-OC) Project and is currently the joint process owner and dedicated Clinical Supervisor for the Short Term Solution Focused Team. He has had the opportunity to present on STSF-OC at a Regional Joint Services Family Assistance Workshop in Garmish, Germany, as well as to Ceridian affiliate network providers at their annual MOS Top Gun Training.

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Jesse Shepherd currently serves as the Mid-Atlantic Relationship Manager for Military OneSource. Over the past eight years, he has driven initiatives for Military OneSource, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Army, the Air Force, and the Peace Corps. He earned his MBA in Economic Development at George Washington University and his Bachelors in Communication Theory at Florida State University.

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John Sileo is the President of The Sileo Group, an idea-lab focused on guiding organizations to proactively adapt to and thrive in the ever-changing world of information domination. The Sileo Group offers keynote speaking, executive coaching, and business strategy. Mr. Sileo is the founder of four successful businesses in the fields of executive education, Internet software, web-auctions, and professional services. Formerly a management consultant with Mercer Management Consulting, Mr. Sileo advised Fortune 500 clients, including Bank of America, Texaco, and Sprint on strategic initiatives. He is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, New Zealand and graduated from Harvard University with honors.

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Darcie D. Sims is the Director of Training for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, and in that capacity provides training to military caregivers, support to surviving families, and certification to peer mentors. Ms. Sims is a bereaved parent and child, a grief management specialist, a nationally-certified thanatologist, a certified pastoral bereavement specialist, and a licensed psychotherapist and hypnotherapist. She is the author of *Why Are the Casseroles Always Tuna?*, *Footsteps Through the Valley*, *Touchstones*, and *If I Could Just See Hope*. She co-authored *A Place For Me: A Healing Journey for Grieving Kids*, *Footsteps Through Grief*, *The Other Side of Grief*, and *Finding Your Way Through Grief* with her daughter, Alicia Sims Franklin. She has also authored numerous chapters in professional books and textbooks. Ms. Sims is also president and co-founder of GRIEF, Inc. which is a grief consulting business. She is also the Director of the American Grief Academy in Seattle, Washington. She is a Diplomat in the American Psychotherapy Association, a Certified Diplomat in Clinical Hypnotherapy, and is listed in Who's Who in America, The World Who's Who of Women, and The International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women.

Meg Small, Ph.D.

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Catherine Clark Morgan Smith RN MS CFLE NFA

Lead Family Life Educator, Essential Life Skills for Military Families; Family Service Center Site Manager; Information and Referral Specialist

Catherine Smith is the lead Family Life Educator for Essential Life Skills for Military Families. She has been associated with various branches of the military for over twenty years. She is the wife of a former Air Force navigator, who after seminary, served as an Air Force Reserve Chaplain and as U.S. Navy Chaplain. Involved with the Air Force, Navy, and Marines, both active duty and Reserve, Ms. Smith has supported numerous families through separations, family crises, and

deployments. As a school nurse overseas on a Marine base, Ms. Smith helped children and their parents adapt to military life and the challenges of isolation, deployment, and stress. As a Family Service Center Site Manager/Information and Referral Specialist, she is very familiar with the active and Reserve component service members and their families' needs, strengths, challenges, and resources.

Heidi Torres Smith, ATR, LPC

Art Therapist; Program Analyst, Office of Children & Youth, OSD

Heidi Torres Smith is a registered Art Therapist and has experience working in a variety of settings with children, adolescents, and adults helping to promote self-esteem, self expression, stress relief, and coping skills through art. Her clinical experience includes working with children in elementary schools, adults and children undergoing medical treatment, emotionally disturbed children and adolescents, pregnant and parenting adolescents, and women and children who have been affected by homelessness and/or have been victims of domestic violence. She received her Master of Science degree in Art Therapy from the Department of Psychiatry at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia and her Bachelor of Science degree in Art Therapy at Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is a Navy spouse and is currently working for the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the Office of Children & Youth as a Program Analyst.

Sheila Urban Smith

Program Leader, 4-H, Michigan State University

Since 1989, Sheila Urban Smith has been at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Her passion is serving as the Michigan (MI) Military Liaison, working in partnership with the MI National Guard to provide support and build community capacity around the issues families are addressing at all stages of deployment. Additional, vital partners include Army Reserves, American Legion of MI, MI 4-C, Boys & Girls Clubs, Military OneSource, and Operation Homefront. Currently, she is a Program Leader with responsibilities in 4-H Youth Development. At the state and national levels, Ms. Smith has served on task forces to enhance the quantity and quality of age-appropriate, out-of-school opportunities for young people. Ms. Smith has extensive state and national conference presentation experience, grant management, and curriculum development expertise.

Angela Spina

State Child and Youth Coordinator, Michigan National Guard

For three years, Angela Spina has been the Michigan National Guard State Child and Youth Coordinator. Ms. Spina works closely with Operation: Military Kids and provides leadership to the Michigan (MI) National Guard Youth Program connected with the Yellow Ribbon and Road to Re-integration programs. Additionally, she coordinates the MI National Guard Youth Council and is the lead for the Guard's Youth Leadership Camp. A graduate of Central Michigan University in child development, Ms. Spina worked as a Child Care Center Director prior to her current position. She is married to Lt. Adam Spina who is also in the Michigan National Guard and has returned from an eighteen month deployment to Iraq.

Dr. Dave Splitek

Vice President, Professional Development, Military Child Education Coalition

Dr. David Splitek, former Superintendent of the Lackland Independent School District since 2000, earned his Bachelors degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Splitek began teaching mathematics following military service in the U.S. Army. He taught at Ross Middle School in El Paso, Texas and served as a middle school principal, Research and Evaluation Director, Associate and Deputy Superintendent, and interim superintendent in San Antonio Independent School District prior to his move to Lackland, one of seven school districts in the U.S. with school district boundaries that are the same as those of a military installation. He served as a board member with the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) and the chairman of the MCEC's

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Douglas Sprenkle

Professor and Director, Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Purdue University

Doug Sprenkle received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Family Social Science in 1975, but also took extensive course work in psychology, enabling him to be licensed both as a clinical psychologist as well as a marriage and family therapist. As part of his doctoral dissertation, he was one of the co-developers, with David Olson and Candyce Russell, of the Circumplex Model of Marital and Family Systems. Healthy and dysfunctional couple and family functioning remain one of his ongoing lines of clinical interest and research. He has the longest tenure of any active faculty member. He has had many areas of interest over the years including couple communication, couple sexuality, marriage and family therapy and spirituality, family businesses, progress research, and outcome research. He is the author of over 130 refereed journal articles and book chapters, as well as ten books. He was twice selected by The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) to edit the "decade review" of research on the efficacy and effectiveness of marriage and family therapy interventions. In the past ten years, he has devoted much of his scholarly attention to common factors in marriage and family therapy interventions and is the first author of a book on this topic that is under contract with Guilford Press.

COL Elisabeth M. Stafford, M.D.

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Elisabeth Morgan Stafford is Program Director for the Military Adolescent Medicine fellowship and a faculty member of the Pediatric Residency within the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium. She serves as adjunct Clinical Professor of Pediatrics for the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and is an adjunct faculty member of the Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences Department of Pediatrics, Bethesda, Maryland. She entered continuous active duty service in the U.S. Army in June of 1981. Dr. Stafford grew up in a military family, personally experiencing the challenges of life as a "military brat" to include the frequent relocations and intermittent absence of a military parent in service to the nation in times of war and peace.

Scott Stanley, Ph.D.

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Dr. Scott Stanley, Ph.D., and Dr. Howard Markman, Ph.D, are Co-Directors of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver. Dr. Stanley is research professor of the Center and a senior advisor to the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative receiving his B.S. from Bowling Green State University, M.S. from Ohio University, and Ph.D. from the University of Denver. For over two decades Markman and Stanley's research program has worked on the prediction and prevention of relationship discord and divorce and the effects of destructive conflict and relationship distress prevention on mental health. This team has written over 120 journal articles, books, and papers based on their research. Since 1980, this body of research has received support from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institutes' of Child Health and Development, the Administration of Children and Families, the National Science Foundation, and the Hunt Foundation.

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Adrien F. C. Starks currently serves as the chief, Civic Outreach Team in the Department of Defense (DoD), which is responsible for joint service regional and national special event requests, the Heroes program, speakers program, and the America Supports You initiative. She has worked in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs since September 2007. Prior to this position, she was the director of the Washington Regional Office of Public Affairs for the Department of Veterans Affairs for seven years. She oversaw VA public affairs programs and policies, served as a media training instructor, and provided public affairs counsel to VA facility directors and public affairs officers in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Mrs. Starks has twenty-five years of public affairs experience, sixteen of those years at various U.S. Army installations.

Joanne M. Steen, MS, NCC

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Joanne M. Steen, MS, NCC is the award-winning co-author of *Military Widow: A Survival Guide* (Naval Institute Press, 2006). A military widow and former Navy instructor, Ms. Steen is knowledgeable of the military, its culture, and the unique issues military service presents. A nationally-certified counselor with an emphasis on traumatic loss and traumatic grief, Ms. Steen had taught over 5,000 military and civilian personnel who work with the families of America's fallen warriors. She is currently working on *Military Parents: We regret to inform you*, a book for parents who have lost a son or daughter in the line of duty.

Carolyn Stevens

Senior Program Analyst, Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth, Military Community & Family Policy

Carolyn Stevens is a Program Analyst in the Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth. She has over twenty-eight years of experience working with children, youth, and families. Her experience includes working in county-level social services, nonprofit recreational programs, and both for-profit and federal child care systems. Carolyn's work within the federal system includes direct care and management experience at the installation level as well as experience in the Reserve Command Headquarters. She completed a Masters of Public Administration at Georgia College and State University.

COL Dean K. Stinson III

U.S. Army, Director, Center for Excellence in Reintegration, DoD Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

COL Dean Stinson is the Director for the Center for Excellence in Reintegration, DoD Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program consists of informational events and activities for members of the Reserve components, their families, and community members to facilitate access to services, referrals, and proactive outreach opportunities throughout the deployment cycle. COL Stinson is a Retiree Recall and a former member of the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Chaplain (LTC) Michael E. Strohm

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Chaplain (LTC) Michael E. Strohm is currently the Family Ministries Officer, Army Chief of Chaplains Office in Washington, DC. He has developed and/or implemented a variety of soldier and family ministries to increase soldier readiness, to prevent and mitigate the impact of sexual assault and domestic violence, and to manage deployment trauma for both soldiers and their family members. He has been the major contributor to the customization and distribution of Army ThriveSphere. His overseas assignments have included The Republic of Korea, Cuba, Haiti, Japan, and Germany.

Barbara Thompson

Director, Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth, Military Community and Family Policy

As Director, Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth, Barbara Thompson is responsible for core programs and policies that impact military families' wellbeing, such as family centers, spouse employment, financial readiness, joint support programs to serve geographically dispersed military members and their families, volunteers, deployment readiness, non-medical counseling, life skill development, and the Department's children and youth programs operating at over 300 locations serving 400,000 children birth through age eighteen years on a daily basis. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Thompson had two special assignments: coordinating support programs for severely injured service members and their families and supporting the rebuilding of the Ministry of Education in Iraq.

Andrew Tramontana

Assistant Director, DoD Outreach; Program Coordinator, Heroes to Hometowns

Andrew Tramontana is the Assistant Director of the Department of Defense (DoD) Outreach and the Heroes to Hometowns Program Coordinator, where his primary duty is to assist wounded, ill, and injured veterans in their transition back into their communities in partnership with the Department of Defense. Prior to his current position, he first joined The American Legion as a National Field Service Representative in the VA&R Department located in Washington. Upon graduation from high school, Mr. Tramontana enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard, 1-152 Infantry of the 76th Infantry Brigade. He was later recruited into the 276th Military Intelligence Company (Separate) of the 76th Infantry Brigade in Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended college at Indiana University - Purdue University of Indianapolis while serving in the military. Upon graduating from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, he accepted a counseling position at a nonprofit residential center for men. Shortly upon graduating from Purdue, Mr. Tramontana was honorably discharged from the Army where he served nine years in the fields of infantry, military intelligence, and logistics. During his nine years in the military, he was awarded multiple awards for his distinguished service.

Ann Turnbull

Distinguished Professor of Special Education; Co-Director, Beach Center on Disability; University of Kansas

Dr. Ann Turnbull has been a professor, teacher, researcher, and advocate for individuals with disabilities, their families, and service providers for more than thirty-five years. She has been the Principal Investigator on over twenty federally-funded research grants and has authored fourteen books including three leading textbooks in the field of special education. She has also authored over 200 articles, chapters, and monographs. In 1999, she was selected by a national consortium of seven organizations within the intellectual developmental disabilities field as one of thirty-six individuals who have made the most significant contribution in the 20th century to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities. In addition to her professional credentials, she is the parent of three children, one of whom, Jay, is an adult son with multiple disabilities.

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Betsy Weaver, Ed.D.

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Dr. Betsy Weaver is a nationally recognized leader of the regional parenting industry. She launched her first company, Parents Plus, Inc. (PPI) in 1984. By 1999, PPI published the nationally acclaimed, award-winning *The Boston Parents Paper*, as well as *The Rhode Island Parents Paper*, *The Family Paper for Southern Maine*, *The Family Paper for Connecticut* and *Booming Magazine*. Dr. Weaver was a founding member and one of the first presidents of Parenting Publications of America, an organization whose publications reach six million families monthly. In January 1997, Dr. Weaver was awarded the Distinguished Publishers Award and was credited with being “an innovator and leader in the industry.” In 2001, Dr. Weaver co-founded The Parent Review. Used by over 200 United States hospitals and the Department of Defense, The Parent Review is a web-based communication platform for expectant and new parents, which helps hospitals save time, effort, and hence money. Dr. Weaver has had faculty appointments at Cambridge College and been a regular guest speaker at Boston University School of Management.

Gail Wegner

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Gail Wegner is the Acting Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and Center for Veterans Enterprise. She is permanently assigned as the Deputy Director, Center for Veterans Enterprise, a position she has held since the inception of CVE in 2001. Ms. Wegner served previously as VA’s Deputy OSDBU Director for four years. Her headquarters experience also includes positions with the Procurement Executive as the Acquisition Workforce Development Officer, Human Resources Officer, Senior Contracting Officer, and Auditor on the Technical Review Staff. Ms. Wegner's field experience includes management and technical appointments in logistics and contracting positions at multiple VA facilities. Ms. Wegner is a Certified NxLevelL Instructor with the NxLevelL Education Foundation. In June 2007, she received her certificate in Small Business Management from George Mason’s Office of Continuing Professional Education. To remain current on all procurement issues, she maintains her membership in the National Contract Management Association.

Dr. David Westhuis, Ph.D.

Professor, Social Work, Indiana University

Dr. David Westhuis has more than thirty-six years of practice experience as a Masters and Ph.D. level social worker in civilian and military settings. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1994 as a LTC in the Medical Service Corp. During his military career, he served as an Infantry Officer during Vietnam, an instructor at the U.S. Army Academy of Health Sciences, a social worker at various military facilities, and he coordinated the primary research that was done on the military family during the first Gulf War. Subsequent to his military career, he has been a professor at two Indiana Universities and currently is the Executive Director of the 900 student Master of Social Work Program at Indiana University. His areas of teaching expertise are program evaluation, practice evaluation, leadership and administration, family and marital therapy, and group therapy. He has continued his military family research during his tenure as a professor at Indiana University and the University of Southern Indiana. He has been a Senior Research Fellow with the U.S. Army Research Institute for the last six years and has done multiple presentations and publications on military family issues.

Stan F. Whitsett, Ph.D.

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Stan Whitsett is a Pediatric Psychologist and the Assistant Director of the School Mental Health program, in the Department of Psychiatry at Tripler Army Medical Center. He has been involved in clinical work and research with children and families throughout his twenty year career and has had a particular interest in understanding and helping youth and families who are undergoing difficult, stressful situations. These stressful situations have ranged from critical illnesses and injuries, to his current work focusing on the stress of military life and multiple deployments. In all cases, he approaches his work with the belief that most individuals, children and adults, have within them the desire and ability to manage the stress of their lives.

Elizabeth J. Willis

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Elizabeth J. Willis is the Division Chief for the Marketing Research and Analysis Division, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, Her current duties involve being the focal point for all Voice of the Customer (customer satisfaction, wants, needs) and competitive research done from headquarters. She provides advice and assistance to the field as requested on their research activities. Ms. Willis was also a Research Analyst at Quality Information Partners (QIP) and worked on the Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS), which is a national level survey of public and private schools. At the Windwalker Corporation, U.S. Department of Education, Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP), she gave technical assistance in Data Collection, Analysis, and Report Preparation Contract. She also has experience as a Social Science Analyst in the Program and Evaluation Branch of the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). There she was responsible for the designing, conducting, and analyzing of surveys of military personnel. She was also project manager on the 2002 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey with a sample size of over 60,000.

Dr. Steven R. Wilson

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Steven R. Wilson is a professor in the communication department at Purdue University; he also has held faculty positions at Michigan State, Northern Illinois, and Northwestern Universities. His areas of expertise include family and interpersonal communication, conflict and aggression, and research methods. He has published two scholarly books and more than fifty peer-review journal articles and book chapters on these topics. He also is involved in evaluation research with community partners including a project designed to promote positive parenting and young children's school readiness in his local community, as well as a second program designed to build resilience among children and families throughout the state of Indiana when a military parent is deployed overseas. He has received a number of awards in recognition for this work including the National Communication Association's Bernard J. Brommel Award for distinguished career contributions to the area of family communication.

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Kirsten Woodward, LCSW

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Kirsten Woodward is the Family Programs Manager for the Wounded Ill and Injured Support Directorate at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, whose primary responsibilities involve the management, oversight, and collaboration of Navy Medicine family resilience programming to include Project FOCUS and the pilot program of Naval Special Warfare Family Resilience Enterprise. Along with her primary programs, Ms. Woodward is a subject matter expert in the field of clinical social work with an emphasis on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and family trauma. Ms. Woodward has been the Director of Social Work in both medical and psychiatric facilities including child and adolescent psychiatric hospitals. Ms. Woodward has designed and developed many programs in a consulting capacity for the Department of Defense (DoD) at large, as well as provided education on PTSD and combat operational stress within the DoD and specifically the Navy. Ms. Woodward was a member of the Pentagon's Operation Solace team, in which PTSD specialists worked with both 9/11 Pentagon survivors, and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom 1 post-deployers at the Pentagon. Ms. Woodward transitioned from her work from the Pentagon to the Department of Navy Commander Naval Installation Command as their Combat Operational Stress Control Program Analyst at the Headquarters for Fleet and Family Services. In 2007, Ms. Woodward had the good fortune to join the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) team in developing and collaborating on the Congressionally-mandated PH-TBI programs. Project FOCUS is one of those developments.

Kevin Wright, M.Ed.

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Kevin Wright has worked in the field of recreation, youth development, and volunteer management for over twenty years. Kevin became involved with the 4-H program first in King County, Washington where he worked with the 4-H Challenge program, club programs, and out-of-school time programs. Mr. Wright partnered with other agencies to offer an after school program in subsidized housing communities. In 1992, he moved to the State 4-H Office to work with Teen programming, the State 4-H Teen Conference, the Know Your Government Conference, State 4-H Fair, State 4-H Forum, and other statewide contests and events. Mr. Wright also serves as the liaison with county programs, helping counties with volunteer management, risk management, and training. He works with School Age Care providers, offering training and technical assistance throughout Southwest Washington. Currently, he is working half-time for the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Operation: Military Kids. His duties also include supervision of program staff and oversight for teen, international, and state activities.

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