

*A Special Announcement for Our DVS Stakeholders, Veterans
And Community Partners*

DVS Hires First Women Veterans Program Manager

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is pleased to announce the hiring of Ms. Beverly VanTull as the DVS Women Veterans Program Manager. She will assume the responsibilities of this position on August 25, 2018.

In recognition of the more than 100,000 women veterans in the Commonwealth – the highest percentage per capita of women veterans of any state in the U.S. – Governor Ralph Northam and the 2018 Virginia General Assembly authorized the hiring of a Women Veterans Program Manager. While DVS has been actively working to provide increased support for women veterans, including hosting an annual Women Veterans Summit since 2011, this new position of Women Veterans Program Manager will provide full time support to Virginia's women veterans and their unique and diverse needs at the state level.

An Army veteran, Ms. VanTull joined DVS in 2016 and has served in the agency's Veterans Education, Transition, and Employment (VETE) Directorate as Program Manager in the Military Medics and Corpsman (MMAC) program. She served as an officer for 12 years in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps (MSC) after earning her commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) upon her graduation from Howard University in Washington, D.C. with a B.S. degree in biology.

While on active duty, she served in a variety of assignments as a Healthcare Administrative MSC Officer including overseas in Germany, two deployments to Iraq, and at Company Command at Fort Hood, Texas. Her last active duty assignment was as Chief of Patient Administration at Kenner Army Health Clinic at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Since separating from active duty, Ms. VanTull has adopted as her life mission to advocate for veterans like herself. She has lent her passion and expertise to numerous individuals, Veterans Service Organizations, and non-profit organizations throughout Virginia in establishing programs to assist veterans, women and their families.

She is a lifetime member of Women Veterans Interactive (WVI), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and the Military Officers of America Association (MOAA). She is also a member of the National Association of Professional Women. A resident of Hopewell, she serves as Junior Vice Commander of DAV Southside/Petersburg Chapter #47 and was recently nominated for a position with DAV State Women Veterans Committee.

Ms. VanTull's community, government, and military awards and decorations include: the 2017 Governor's Teamwork Award (for MMAC), the Employer Support of Guard & Reserve (ESGR) 2017 Patriot Award, the McGuire (Richmond) Veterans Affairs Medical Center Distinguished Volunteer Award (750 hours of service), the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Army Superior Unit Award.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Beverly VanTull as the Department's first Women Veterans Program Manager. She may be reached at Beverly.VanTull@dvs.virginia.gov.