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SECRETARY'S *Welcome*



Welcome to Sacramento and our 2014 Summit on Women Veterans, "Bridging Gaps, Breaking Barriers."

I am proud that my home state of California is home to nearly 186,000 Women Veterans.

The CalVet staff and I take great pride in serving you and ensuring you are connected to the resources and benefits you earned and deserve.

We are excited to host our best Summit yet and believe you will appreciate the information available for you.

Several activities are new this year, so please take the time to do as much as you can.

I strongly encourage you to connect with other Women Veterans as well as speak with the service providers and presenters that are here. This is your time, please take advantage of the opportunity and enjoy the 2014 Summit on Women Veterans!

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Gravett". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Peter J. Gravett
Major General (Ret)
Secretary, CalVet

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Agenda



The mission of the CalVet Division for Women Veterans Affairs is to provide information, advocacy, outreach and support to our California Women Veterans.

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DAY ONE *Agenda*

GENERAL SESSION WORKSHOPS

Magnolia/Camelia Room

10:00 – 11:00A

Opening Ceremonies

Introductions

Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary Women Veterans Affairs, CalVet

Welcome Remarks

Peter Gravett, Secretary, CalVet

Roger Dickinson, Assemblymember, 7th Assembly District

Terry Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor

Keynote

Liz Perez-Halperin, GC Green Incorporated

11:00 – 11:15A

Break

11:15 – 12:15P

Luncheon Panel - Dynamic Women of Service

Mary Kight, USAF; Dr. Sandra Kirschenmann, USA;

Xochitl Paderes, USMC; Janine Siegal, USCG; Vihil Vigil, USN

(Lunch Provided)

12:15 – 12:30P

Break

12:30 – 1:30P

Women in the Workplace

Irene Cruz, Women Veterans Strategic Alliance

1:30 – 2:30P

Education Options for Veterans

Shane Ferree, CalVet

2:30 – 2:45P

Break

2:45 – 3:45P

Healthcare Barriers for Women Veterans

Cacilia Kim, California Women's Law Center

Dr. Kathleen West

3:45 – 4:45P

Financial Literacy for Veterans

Wells Fargo

5:30 – 7:00P

Evening Reception & Awards Ceremony

Magnolia Room

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

10:00A – 4:00P

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CalVet Claims Assistance, Swords to Plowshares, Sacramento

Veteran Center, Red Cross, San Francisco VHA

Carr Room

10:00A – 4:00P

Massage Therapy Services

Tofanelli Room

10:00A – 5:30P

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Peter Gravett

Secretary, CalVet

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. appointed Peter James Gravett to his Cabinet as Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs on April 29, 2011.

Gravett is a retired Major General with more than 40 years of military service in the U.S. Army and the California National Guard, including 35 in which he was a commissioned officer in the National Guard with service in numerous countries, including Central Europe, Western Europe, Asia and Central America. Before retiring from the Guard, he served as Commanding General of the 40th Infantry Division from 1999 to 2002, becoming the first African-American National Guard division commander in the 225-year history of the National Guard in the United States. Throughout his career, Gravett has been presented with more than 20 awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

While serving in the National Guard, Gravett simultaneously served more than 22 years with the Los Angeles Police Department. He was awarded LAPD's highest award, the Medal of Valor, for saving the life of a teenage boy who was being severely beaten by a mob outside a sporting event at the L.A. Coliseum.



Lindsey Sin

Deputy Secretary, Women Veterans Affairs, CalVet

Lindsey Sin currently serves as the Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs at the California Department of Veterans Affairs. She was appointed to the position by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on November 22, 2011.

After graduating from high school in her hometown of Sacramento, Lindsey enlisted in the US Navy and served from 1997 until 2005 as a Cryptologic Technician Interpretive in the Arabic language. She completed two flight tours in Rota, Spain during which time she deployed in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom and achieved the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

After separating from the Navy, Lindsey returned to Sacramento and worked as the Lead Certifying Official for veterans services at American River College. She continued her work with veterans at Sacramento State as the Veterans Benefit Advisor and Certifying Official, focusing on developing programs for student veterans. She also served as the Vice President of the Veterans Alumni Association.

Lindsey has a BA in History, Magna Cum Laude, from Sacramento State and an MBA from Drexel University. She and her husband, Matt, recently welcomed their first child, Maxwell.



Roger Dickinson

Assemblymember, District 7

Roger Dickinson was elected in November 2010, and reelected in November 2012, and represents the 7th Assembly District includes the Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. In his first term in the Assembly, Dickinson established himself as an effective lawmaker. In his first year, he achieved a 100% bill signing success rate – seven bills were approved by the legislature and all seven were signed into law. In the second year of his term, nine more bills were signed by the Governor. In 2013, his most successful year yet, 11 Dickinson bills were signed into law by Governor Brown. As a legislator, Dickinson has focused on issues related to environmental quality, education, health and human services for children and families, economic development, and consumer protection.

Assemblymember Dickinson received his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley and afterward earned a law degree at UCLA in 1976.

Dickinson lives with his wife, Marj, in the Woodlake neighborhood where they have owned a home for more than 30 years.



Terry Gerton

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor

Ms. Gerton brings 28 years of service as both an active duty Army officer and a civilian member of the Senior Executive Service. She has a broad range of experience in all aspects of Defense resource and logistics management at various organizational levels, driving process efficiencies and optimizing information systems.

Ms. Gerton's twenty years of military service included a variety of staff and leadership positions, including the Executive Officer for the Army's largest battalion (a 1200-soldier corps support maintenance battalion at Fort Hood), Professor of Economics at the United States Military Academy, and Company Commander of a 300-person direct support maintenance company in Germany.

Ms. Gerton graduated from the United States Military Academy and earned an MBA from Duke University. She earned the Distinguished Presidential Rank award in 2011 and the Meritorious Presidential Rank award in 2008. She also received the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service in 2011.

KEYNOTE *Speaker*



Elizabeth Perez-Halperin

President and Founder
GC Green Incorporated

Elizabeth "Liz" Perez-Halperin is the President and founder of GC Green Incorporated (GCG), a certified woman, Native American, and 9/11 service disabled veteran-owned Green Build General Contracting and Consulting Firm. GC Green is involved in an effort to broaden the outreach and impact of the green economy. In addition to being an active builder and installer of green solutions, GC Green also participates in a growing network of providers and promoters of education, training, apprenticeship, and project placement opportunities in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems for Veterans and other displaced workers in California.

In August 2013, Liz was brought on board with CAMEO, California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity, as their Veteran Outreach consultant. CAMEO assists/promotes women Veteran entrepreneurs and is also encouraging women Veterans to be involved in entrepreneurship in the energy and water industry.

In September of 2013, Ms. Perez-Halperin was selected as a "Champion of Climate Change & Clean Energy Veteran" from the White House. She was honored with this award in November 2013.



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DAY ONE

Speakers



Mary Kight

United States Air Force

Major General (Retired) Mary J. Kight was commissioned for active duty into the United States Air Force in February 1974. She began her career when only a small percentage of Air Force Officers were female and even smaller percentage of military officers were female. Her career included several firsts leading her to many interesting and challenging assignments which continued when she later joined the National Guard. In February 2010, General Kight was appointed to command the California National Guard as the 45th Adjutant General. She became the first female Adjutant General of California's National Guard and the first African-American woman to hold such a post across the Nation. General Kight received several major awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal. She retired in the fall of 2011 after giving her country thirty-seven years of military service. Her service and support continues within the community and throughout involving but not limited to organizations such as the Association United States Army, Air Force Association, National Guard Association, Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA, The Women's Memorial), American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Veterans (AMVETS), American Red Cross and American Association of University Women.



Sandra Kirschenmann, EdD

United States Army

Sandra Kirschenmann has thirty-five years of experience in higher education, having held management positions at Cosumnes River College, the Los Rios Business and Economic Development Center, the statewide Community College Economic Development Program, and the Los Rios Community College District Office and Foundation. Prior to becoming the Associate Vice Provost of Drexel University Sacramento, she served as the Vice Chancellor of Resource Development for the Los Rios Community College District.

Sandy's faculty experience includes the lead faculty role at American River College in the Oak Café and Culinary Arts program, lead faculty for the Foodservice Management Program at Cosumnes River College, and work as an adjunct professor in the Benerd School of Education at the University of the Pacific.

Sandy received her Baccalaureate and Master's degrees from the University of California, Davis. Her doctoral degree in Educational Administration and Foundations was granted by the University of the Pacific. She served as an officer in the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC and at Silas B. Hays Army Hospital at Fort Ord, California.



Xochitl Paderes

United States Marine Corps

Xochitl Paderes joined the United States Marine Corps in 1995 and was honorably discharged from active duty in 1999. Upon discharge, she became a Reservist that reported to San Bruno until June 2001. During her time in service, she was a System Communications Network Engineer with a Final Top Secret Clearance working in Washington, D.C.; where she reported to the Pentagon and the Navy Annex Communication Center.

Ms. Paderes earned her Bachelors of Science in Behavioral Science, with the goal of earning a Doctorate in Human Capital, and is now in her first year of a Graduate program where she is earning a Master's in Communication. As a Graduate at the University of the Pacific, she is completing quantitative research specific to Service Members of the Armed Forces and their families.

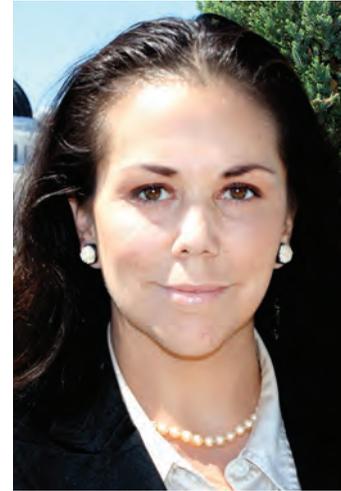
She is the Wife of a Marine, the Mother of a Marine, and the Mother of a 17 and 12 year old. She holds an Executive position with the American Legion and will run for Commander this year.



Janine Siegal

United States Coast Guard

Janine Siegal served for five years in the U.S. Coast Guard as an Operations Specialist operating both ashore and afloat. During her service, she served at Surf Station, WA, stationed on board the USCGC Morgenthau out of Alameda, attended A-School in Petaluma, and deployed to Southeast Asia, Central America, and Alaska. Since departing the service in 2011, Janine graduated from Academy of Art University with a Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia and Communications. She's been involved with projects such as Swords to Plowshares Shout!, Shotwell Papermill's Paper Dolls by Pam DeLuco, as well as volunteering with Women Veterans Connect. Ms. Siegal was the inspiration behind the creation of Paper Dolls, which featured prior servicewomen's stories about their uniforms and is held in special collections and at the Met in New York.



"Vihil" Heather Vigil

United States Navy

Ms. Vigil graduated high school early and joined the United States Navy at 17 years old. While enlisted and stationed aboard the USS Fletcher DD992, Ms. Vigil earned her Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification, becoming the only woman aboard ship to be certified Master Helmsman. She was responsible for emergency and battle situations, bringing the ship in and out of port, and all tactical maneuvering. While stationed in Pearl Harbor, Ms. Vigil also earned a nursing assistant license and worked in a local community clinic in Honolulu.

In San Francisco, Ms. Vigil earned her MBA with a focus on Strategic Planning and Business Development. Currently, Ms. Vigil owns Vihil Photographix, teaches Business for the Artist a workshop series, is compiling an anthology 'Voices de Queer Femmes' with 3 other U.S. based editors, works professionally as an Administrative Officer for University of California at Berkeley and has applied to Drexel University's Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership & Management program. Most important to Vihil is her role as a mom to little Miss Victoria Rose who came into this world in March 2013.



Irene Cruz

United States Marine Corps
Women Veterans Strategic Alliance

Irene Cruz served with distinction for six years in the United States Marine Corps as an Air Traffic Control Communications Technician Supervisor.

She is an advocate for the Veteran Community and has performed as Chairperson of the first Annual AMVETS Honoring Women Veterans Awards Banquet. More recently, she served as Chairperson of the 1st Minority Women Veterans Conference and is currently Chair of SEIU Local 721 Veterans Caucus, Director of the Women Veterans Strategic Alliance, Vice Chair of the American Legion's Department of California Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission and the Los Angeles County Council Vice-Commander Representing Women Veterans. She also serves on the Board for Reins of H.O.P.E. - an Equine Assisted Therapy Organization that provides services to Veterans.

Being active in the community, she served on the Board of the Women's Council of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, where she hosted and produced the Public Access Television Show "Women's Council in Action."



Shane Ferree

United States Marine Corps
CalVet

Over the past 10 years, Shane Ferree has worked in veteran's education at both the state and federal levels. His primary functions are approving post-secondary educational institutions for GI Bill benefits and providing compliance oversight. Shane is currently employed by the California Department of Veterans Affairs and resides in San Diego. Shane served honorably for six years in the United States Marine Corps.



Cacilia Kim

Senior Staff Attorney
California Women's Law Center

Cacilia Kim is a senior staff attorney at the California Women's Law Center. She litigates a broad range of issues addressing systemic discrimination against women and girls, including federal class action lawsuits seeking equal access to education. Cacilia also works with national and state legal advocacy organizations to develop and influence legislation that supports and protects working families and has written policy briefs and legal resource guides concerning a broad range of legal issues, including the legal rights of pregnant students and women veterans. Cacilia graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley. She received her law degree and graduated Order of the Coif from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Kathleen West, MPH, DrPH

Dr West is a public health professional with expertise working with programs serving at-risk families, maternal and child health, public mental health and addiction issues and intergenerational trauma. For more than three decades, Kathleen has worked with systems of care that serve high risk families while based in Los Angeles and Geneva, Switzerland. Her main interest is in multi-disciplinary interventions focusing on developmental and mental health issues that promote intergenerational family health and applications of epigenetics research findings.

Kathleen's educational background includes bachelors degrees in biology and anthropology and masters and doctoral degrees from UCLA.

Since spending a brief time in the Kuwait/Iraq in 2004/05 with UNHCR her work has focused on military and veteran family issues as they intersect with public health, courts, and mental health systems in the US and other countries.



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DAY TWO *Agenda*

GENERAL SESSION WORKSHOPS

Magnolia/Camelia Room

8:30 – 9:30A

Health Assessment

Dr. Jeanne Conry, Kaiser Permanente

9:30 – 10:30A

Starting Your Own Business

Karen Bates, Military Home Loans

10:30 – 11:30A

Resume Writing & Interview Skills

Tamara Small, Ashford University

11:30 – 12:30P

Lunch

(on your own)

12:30 – 1:15P

Raffle

EMPLOYMENT PANELS

Magnolia/Camelia Room

1:30 – 2:30P

Technology

CA Technologies, General Assembly, Informatix, Oracle

2:30 – 3:30P

State/Federal Employment

California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, CalVet, EDD, IRS

3:30 – 4:30P

Healthcare

Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, UC Davis

4:30 – 5:30P

Public Utilities & Public Safety

California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee, PG&E, Police Officers Research Association of California, SMUD

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10:00A – 4:00P

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DAY TWO

Speakers



Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD, FACOG

Kaiser Permanente

Jeanne Conry, MD, is the Immediate Past President of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Conry has focused her efforts on three key messages. First, she has addressed efforts on Quality and Safety in Maternity Care through improved standards and responses to high-risk obstetrics. Second, she oversaw the Well Woman Task Force, a collaborative effort of organizations that provide women's health care by balancing reproductive choice and improved health conditions for women to improve outcomes before, between and beyond pregnancy. Finally, she has supported guideline development and national policy that address the important role of Reproductive Health and the Environment.

In 2013, she received the Visionary Leadership Award from the University of California San Francisco Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment.

Dr. Conry has been a practicing obstetrician gynecologist at Kaiser Permanente for 23 years. She earned her medical degree from the University of California, Davis, where she also completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in biology from the University of Colorado. She serves as an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California, Davis.



Karen Aguayo Bates, CPA

Founder, Military Home Loans
President, The VApro Network

Karen completed eight years of service as a Naval Air Traffic Controller and then became a Certified Public Accountant. In 2004, Karen combined her military background with her financial expertise and founded her first company, Military Home Loans. Her passion is to ensure Veterans never miss the opportunity to experience their American dream.

In 2014, loaded with 10 years of knowledge and experience from closing over 600 VA transactions, Karen and her husband Ken created their second business, The VApro Network. The VApro Network offers an extensive VA sales training course and coaching platform for fellow lenders. These graduates can then provide exclusive VA training to their own agents and provide the value that agents are craving from their lending partners.

Karen is California's 2013 Mortgage Professional of the Year, named as an Elite Woman in Mortgage by Mortgage Professional America, and was featured on Yahoo Finance for earning and retaining \$1 million as a female entrepreneur.



Tamara Small

Manager, Career Services
Ashford University

As the Manager of Career Services, Tamara Small provides advice, guidance, and resources to assist students and alumni of Ashford University with career exploration and planning processes. She has extensive experience working in Student Affairs in private, public, and proprietary higher education institutions. Ms. Small also possesses strong practical knowledge in developing, organizing, and presenting workshops and events. She has unique training and teaching experiences in Higher Education, Financial Services, and Wellness. She has a natural affinity for working successfully with one-on-one and in-group settings to help individuals accomplish their desired career goals. Ms. Small is a determined professional with a natural ability to connect and lead others. She is a producer and the host of an Internet radio show and some webinars with a strong ability to work with new online technology.



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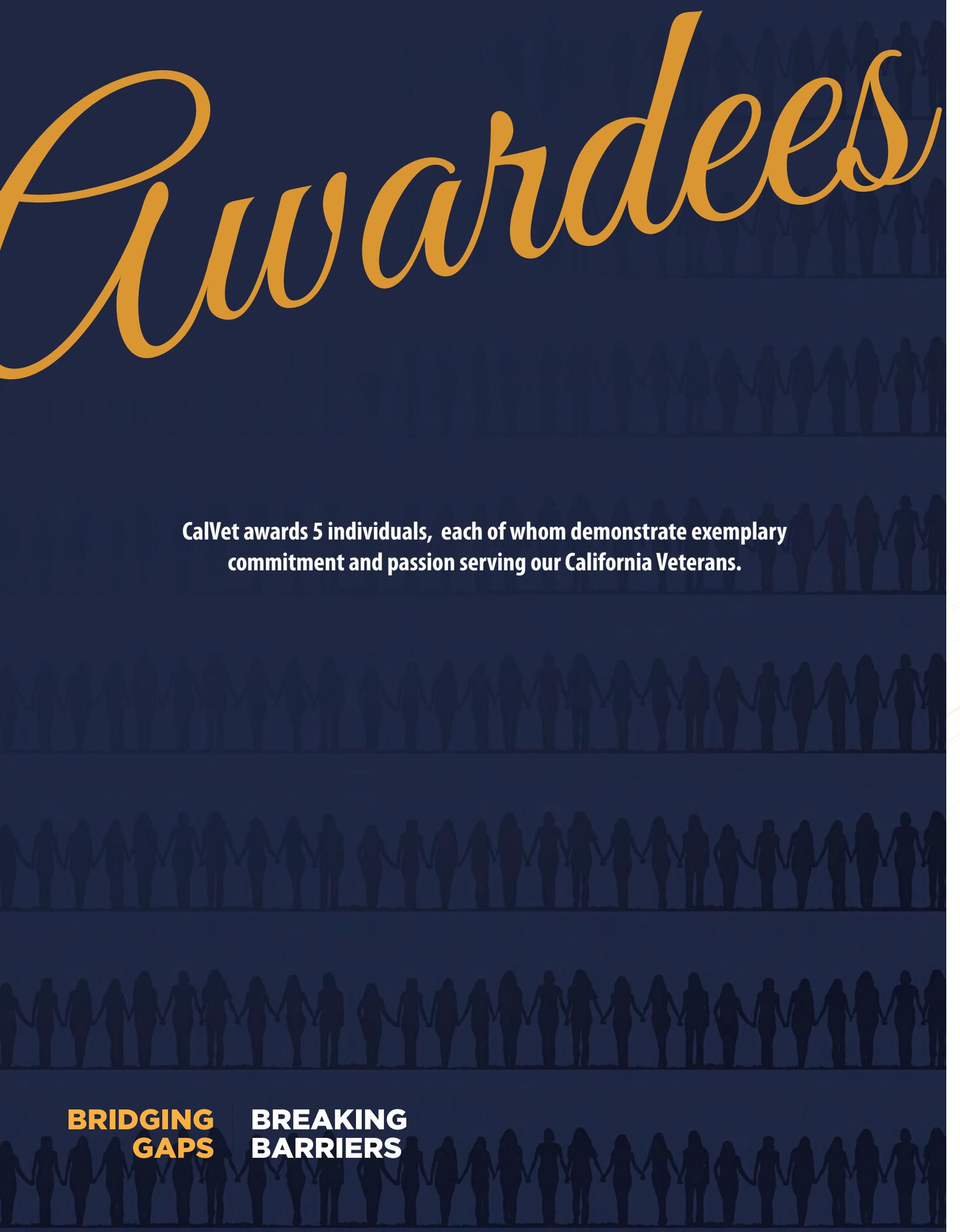
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CALIFORNIA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



Robin Umberg

Brigadier General Umberg began her Army career when she enlisted at the age of 18 and received a nursing scholarship at Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing. She was commissioned in 1977 and served in a variety of staff and command assignments in the United States and overseas including: Fort Carson, Colorado; the 121st Evacuation Hospital, Seoul, Korea, the United States Army Hospital in Vicenza, Italy; Commander, 4211th US Army Hospital, San Diego, California; and, Commander, 6253rd US Army Hospital, Mesa, Arizona. Brigadier General Umberg deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm for six months.

Brigadier General Umberg received numerous medals to include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star, and two Overseas Service Ribbons. She was presented the Civilian Humanitarian Service Medal from the Secretary of the Army in 1999. She retired from the United States Army in June 2010 after 36 years of active and reserve services.

Ms. Umberg's devotion to America's veterans continued as the California Department of Veterans Affairs Undersecretary for Veteran Home where she led an effort to create a system of long-term care for the most vulnerable veterans (aged, disabled, homeless). With a vision to provide premier care, she focused upon the modernization, standardization, and implementation of best practices.

Before her appointment with CalVet, while on active duty, Umberg held the position of Chief Professional Services, 3rd Medical Command, Fort Gillem, Georgia. As the senior Army Reserve nurse, she was consultant for battlefield readiness, training, and career management for more than 27,000 medical personnel. In 2006, she was inducted into the Military Order of Medical Merit and from 2002-2004, she was appointed to the board of visitors for the United States Military Academy by President Bill Clinton.

She and her husband of 31 years, Colonel Tom Umberg, have three children.

2014

CALIFORNIA WOMAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR



Star Lara

Ms. Lara served nearly twelve years on active duty in the US Army from 1995-2007, during her service she achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant (SSG-E6) and was assigned to multiple duty stations as well as deployments that included Bosnia during Operation Joint Forge and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was awarded two Meritorious Service Medals and the Combat Action Badge for her service.

Upon completion of her active duty commitment, she pursued a degree from California State University East Bay where she achieved a BA in Business Management with an emphasis in Organizational Communication. Ms. Lara now serves as the Women Veteran Program Manager and Community Educator for the San Francisco based veterans service organization; Swords to Plowshares

Ms. Lara was appointed to the San Francisco Mayor's Disability Council, she is a commissioner on the Alameda Veterans Affairs Commission, she serves on the Advisory Board for Women Veterans Connect Inc (a registered non-profit corporation) and the CalVet Women Veterans Leadership Conference Planning Committee. Ms. Lara is an active member of the Disable American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 7, as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9601. She is also an advisor to Girl Scout Troop 30338 for the Silver and Bronze Award Project.

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CALIFORNIA WOMAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR



Irene Cruz

Irene Cruz served with distinction for six years in the United States Marine Corps as an Air Traffic Control Communications Technician Supervisor. Her background includes a stint as an Aircraft Structural Mechanic with McDonnell Douglas Aircraft, working on MD-11 and C-17, and as a Certified Technology Instructor for SoftWorks Corporate Training; where she provided executive training across the United States for such diverse companies as CIGNA Healthcare, State Farm Insurance, PacBell, GTE, Media One, IKON, ARAMARK and the US Postal Service.

Closer to home she has provided training to government personnel at the local and county levels. These include the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, the LA Fire Department, the LA Community Development Corporation, the Long Beach City Attorney's Office, the Long Beach Police Department, the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs and the US Postal Service. Working in the nonprofit arenas, she served at the American Women's Economic Development Corporation, better known as AWED.

She is an advocate for the Veteran Community and has performed as Chairperson of the first Annual AMVETS Honoring Women Veterans

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2014

CALIFORNIA OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER



Lisa Daniels

Lisa Daniels is a news producer, photojournalist, historian, educator, entrepreneur, and proud mother of two amazing children. She is the Executive Director of the Unsung Heroes Living History Project, which pays tribute and honors the legacy of the African-American veteran. Ms. Daniels' interest in military history was sparked after learning her grandmother was a "Riveter" on the USS Franklin Roosevelt at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

She discovered information about the contributions of African-American soldiers were scarce after continuous research of their history in the military. It was then that she decided to provide a reference that educators and the public could utilize as an informational tool. The vision of the Unsung Heroes Living History Project was born. Ms. Daniels has received support from Andrew Carroll (editor of "War Letters" and

"Behind the Lines"); Yvonne Latty (author of "We Were There" and "In Conflict"); the late Brigadier General Ezell Ware (author of "By Duty Bound") and Allene Carter (author of "Honoring Sgt. Carter"), as well as veterans nationwide.

Ms. Daniels often returns to her alma maters, Chabot College and San Francisco State University, lecturing on battling adversity in order to accomplish goals. She also guest lectures at CSU Sacramento, dialoguing on topics, such as culturally responsive education and diverse issues in graduate education. She resides in Sacramento and is currently working on her doctorate.

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Michael Mattoch has spent his career crafting and influencing public policy in California. Mr. Mattoch has provided counsel in the administrations of two Republican Governors, three Democratic Speakers of the California Assembly, and as chief counsel to the Assembly Insurance Committee, advised members of the Assembly and Senate on issues related to financial institutions, privacy, tort reform, workers' compensation, unemployment, life, health and all areas of property and casualty insurance.

He also managed legislative oversight of the Department of Insurance and the Department of Industrial Relations, the California Earthquake Authority, the State Compensation Insurance Fund and the California Insurance Guarantee Association. Mr. Mattoch also served as corporations counsel in the Office of Law & Legislation for the Department of Corporations in the administration of former Governor Pete Wilson. At the department, he was responsible for legal opinions, rulemaking, legislation and special projects relating to all the laws under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Corporations, such as, securities brokers and dealers, investment advisers and financial planners, certain fiduciaries and lenders; and, the regulation of Health Care Service Plans (HMO's).

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