

2014 CALIFORNIA OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARDEE- 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.