

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Kayla M. Williams



Kayla M. Williams is the Director of the Center for Women Veterans, where she is responsible for monitoring Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) administration of health care and benefits for women veterans, increasing recognition of the contributions of military women, and raising awareness of the responsibility to treat women veterans with dignity and respect.

Ms. Williams spent eight years at RAND and five years in the Army, including an Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) deployment with the 101st Airborne. She is a former member of the VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans and a 2013 White House Woman Veteran Champion of Change. Ms. Williams is the author of *Love My Rifle More Than You: Young and Female in the U.S. Army* and *Plenty of Time When We Get Home: Love and Recovery in the Aftermath of War*.

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Ms. Williams earned a BA in English Literature from Bowling Green State University and a MA in International Relations from American University.

Shurhonda Love



Shurhonda Love, a service-connected disabled veteran, was appointed Assistant National Legislative Director of the nearly 1.3 million-member Disabled American Veterans (DAV) on Aug. 12, 2015. In this capacity, Ms. Love works to support and advance federal legislative goals and policies of the DAV to assist disabled veterans and their families, and to guard current benefits and services for veterans from legislative erosion.

Ms. Love joined DAV's professional staff as a national service officer trainee in 2008 at the Montgomery, Alabama National Service Office. In 2011, she was promoted to assistant supervisor of the National Service Office in Salt Lake City, Utah. The

following year in October, she was appointed supervisor of the New Orleans, Louisiana National Service Office, where she served until her appointment to the national legislative staff.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Ms. Love enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard in 1990. She joined the Regular Army in 1995 and served as a medic until she was discharged as a result of service-connected disabilities in December 2002.

Allison Jaslow



Allison Jaslow is the Chief of Staff of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA). In her role, she oversees management, operations, administration, and all internal functions at IAVA.

Ms. Jaslow is a former Army Captain who served two combat deployments in Iraq and has a diversity of experience that includes stints on political campaigns across the country, in the White House, and on both sides of Capitol Hill. She recently served as Chief of Staff and Campaign Manager for Congresswoman Cheri Bustos and was Press Secretary for Senator Jim Webb, where she was involved in efforts to protect the legacy of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Ms. Jaslow recently has contributed to the Pregame Magazine podcast and other veteran and military media outlets.