

What empowers you?  
*Pass it on!*



## The Ohio Women Veterans Conference

# Agenda

September 12, 2015 ~ morning

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration & Networking
- 9:00 am Welcome & Opening Ceremony
- Welcome Remarks Col. Timothy C. Gorrell  
Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services
- Master of Ceremonies Kristyn Hartman  
News Anchor, WBNS-10TV
- Presenter Col. Ann-Maria Coghlin  
Ohio Air National Guard  
*Presenting on How to Empower Yourself*
- Presenter Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, Ed. D.  
Associate Director, Center for Women Veterans, USDVA  
*Presenting Updates from the VA Center for Women Veterans*
- Presenter Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, USAF, Retired  
President, Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc.  
*Presenting on the Women Veterans Memorial*
- Keynote Speaker Amanda Wirtz, MPH  
(See Amanda's bio on page 3.)
- Lunch Jill Burke  
*Musical Selections*

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September 12, 2015 ~ afternoon

- Presenter Steve Ewing  
Legislative Liaison, Ohio Department of Veterans Services  
*Presenting Updates to State Legislation*
- Presenter Danny Eakins  
Military and Veteran Policy Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services  
*Presenting on Licensing and Certification*
- Presenter Nichole Coleman  
Director and Service Officer, Hancock County Veterans Service Commission  
*Presenting on Veterans Benefits*
- Presenter Pam McClelland  
Chief Financial Education Specialist, Consumer Financial Protection  
*Presenting on Consumer Financial Protection*
- Presenter S. Moné Givner  
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services  
*Presenting on Employment, OhioMeansJobs.com & Vocational Rehabilitation*
- Presenter Melissa Stacy-Cull  
Director of Surgical Services, Mt. Carmel West  
*Presenting on Mt. Carmel Health for Veterans*
- Presenter Dr. Aimee Sanders, MD MPH  
Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center  
*Presenting on Cardiovascular Disease & Women*
- Presenter William Stoner  
Benefits Counselor/Legal Administrator &  
Regional Veterans Court Coordinator, USDVA  
*Presenting on What to do When the VA Says "No"*
- Comedian Leslie Battle  
Army Veteran, Standup Comic & Professional Presenter
- Closing Ceremony

# Keynote Speaker

## *Amanda Wirtz*



Amanda Wirtz enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1997 and graduated from the Center for Information Dominance, earning the highest recognition as ‘Top Graduate’. She served for six years as a Cryptologic Analyst and supported military, counter-narcotics and search and rescue operations in Florida, Spain, Canada and Washington D.C. In addition, she served twice in combat and was one of the first women to serve aboard the USS Nicholson.

In 2003, Amanda faced seemingly insurmountable challenges and was medically separated. She was stricken with a rare, progressive, incurable disease; despite ongoing surgical intervention, her conditioned worsened. As a result, she developed compassion for the hopeless and resolved to fight for herself and others. The crux of her journey began by asking ‘The Right Question’.

Amanda Wirtz completed a B.S. in Community Health at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign earning the highest University honors: the Bronze Tablet. She completed a Masters in Public Health in Health Promotion and Behavioral Science from San Diego State University and was recognized as the ‘Top Graduate Student’ within the College of Health and Human Services.

Amanda’s passion for service has resulted in countless outreach projects within the US and abroad. She developed and served as the Charter President of United Services Rotary: the first Facebook-based Rotary Club. In addition, she served as a Vocational Training Team member to Uganda, Interact Chair, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards facilitator, and is currently the Chief Executive Aide to the 2015-16 Rotary District 5340 Governor.

Amanda is a published research scientist and nationally renowned speaker and violinist; she creatively weaves her journey and music into an inspiring tapestry, inviting others to join her in asking ‘The Right Question’. She has received numerous health and service awards and was honored as the 2011 California State Assembly Veteran of the Year for the 76<sup>th</sup> District. In addition, Amanda was crowned ‘Ms. Veteran America’ in 2014 and served as an advocate for homeless female Veterans.