



Meet Vernita Stevens

Vernita Stevens is a retired United States Marine Master Sergeant. Throughout her distinguished career she was a Congressional and Legislative Fellow, Formal School Instructor, Drill Instructor, Operational Stress Control and Readiness Master Trainer, DoD Certified Mediator, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate, Equal Opportunity Representative, and Quality Assurance Evaluator. Her commitment to excellence, solid leadership skills, congressional and command experience has given her the distinctive ability to take extremely complicated procedures and situations and turned them into teachable moments. Vernita served as a Congressional Liaison and the point of contact for casework, constituent inquiries, and briefed senior leadership on contentious critical issue for House and Senate Congressional offices in Washington, D.C. and the Congressional District offices. As an Operational Stress Control and Readiness Master Trainer, Vernita was involved with assisting organizations make situations more palatable at all levels to ensure vital communications were successful. She served on the Lowcountry Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board (AFDCB) attacking every challenge with unrivaled abilities and superb judgment. She also worked for the W.G. "Bill" Hefner VA Medical Center as an Administrative Assistant and later as the Facility Records Manager. During this time, Vernita utilized her skill set beyond her regular duties volunteering as a Mediator for the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program, Continuous Improvement Coordinator (Six Sigma), and Department Level Patient Advocate because helping others flourish is her passion.

As a Formal School Instructor and Quality Assurance Evaluator, she successfully led over 25 different inspectors in evaluations of over 300 functional areas. She has facilitated over 25,000 hours of combined course instruction in numerous leadership, diversity and inclusion, conflict resolution, customer service, by-stander, and stress management training courses. Her most recent speaking topics have included "Cleaning Your Lens Changes Your View" at the NAWBO Talks conference and facilitating a "Diversity for Everyone" training at the Department of Commerce. She uses versatility and a positive attitude to keep a myriad of projects on track, prioritized correctly, and administratively flawless. She is passionate about helping organizations and the people within them to succeed beyond their potential and believes success is achieved when a person embraces the "paradigm of possibilities".

Vernita has a BBA in Health/Health Care Administration/Management from Strayer University. She is certified in the Narrative Big Five Assessment and Prepare and Enrich Assessment, is a Certified Success Coach IBCP, DoD Certified Mediator and DoD Stress Control Management Master Trainer. Vernita also holds the Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs Certificate of Appreciation. Notably, her business, 2P - Paradigm of Possibilities, is SBE and HUB Certified.

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