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AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA Member Biographical Sketches

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AmeriCorps VISTA Members of the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project

Kedryn Berrian is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Student Veterans of America** (DC) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Chapter Liaison, Kedryn supports Student Veterans of America by encouraging community engagement and involvement, and providing support to local SVA Chapters. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Kedryn held positions in the childcare field with Arlington County Parks and Recreation. Kedryn holds a high school diploma from Mount Vernon High School.

Karin L. Buck is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Student Veterans of America** (DC) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Chapter Liaison, Karin helps support those who have served our country in programs of higher education and SVA Chapters nation-wide. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Karin held an internship in law with the Essex County New York District Attorney Office. Karin holds a NYS Regents diploma from Willsboro Central School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh. She is the niece of a Sergeant Major in the US Army, daughter of an honorably discharged Marine, and cousin to several US Army officers.

Chris Byerley is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Operation Homefront** (VA) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In his assignment as a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Chris supports and recruits volunteers for the programs necessary to give financial relief to veterans of the military. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Chris held positions in logistics operations with UPS in Dulles, Virginia. Chris Byerley holds a bachelor's degree in Religion & Culture from Virginia Tech.

Dorothea R. Campbell is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Genesis Prevention Coalition, Inc.** (GA) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Veterans Resource Center Coordinator, Dorothea supports programs for the reintegration of veterans who have been homeless or found themselves parties to the penal system, increasing access to resources and providing outreach in the community. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Dorothea held positions with the Small Business Administration, was an Army Reserves Intelligence Officer, a Military Collection Manager with L-3 Communications, and a licensed insurance agent for Lincoln Heritage. She holds a bachelor's degree obtained in 2011 from the University of Phoenix. Dorothea, whose father and uncles served in the Air Force, is a veteran with 26 years in the Army, obtaining the rank of SSG.

Kathleen Coates is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **AMVETS** (IL) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Career Center Outreach Coordinator, Kathleen develops and helps to conduct outreach through social media, and develops and builds relationships with local and regional employers to aid with the employment of veterans in the

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local community. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Kathleen held positions in the field of social work with various community agencies in the social services and medical fields. Kathleen has also volunteered at the Marion VA Medical Center. Kathleen holds a bachelor's degree in Special Education from Southern Illinois University, and a Master of Social Work from Southern Illinois University. Kathleen is not a veteran herself, but has worked with veterans through her different jobs and volunteer work.

Sandra Davis is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Operation Homefront** (TX) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Sandra builds capacity to reach military populations in need of the site's emergency, family support, housing and related services, and provides outreach to the local community. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Sandra held positions in leadership with the military. She has been a member of The Mission Continues since 2014 and the Wounded Warrior Project since 2015. Sandra holds a Master's degree Human Resources Management from Strayer University. She is a veteran, serving as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army A. Company TRP CMD BAMC. In the past she worked with Soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors to serve as unit tax advisor, full-time preparer, and administrative staff in support of the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military Tax Assistance Program. She has supported Fort Campbell's Exceptional Family Member Program Summer Camp as a personal assistant. Most recently, Sandra served at Camelot Elementary School as a volunteer mentor and coach to young children in the school's Leadership Academy Program.

Greg Fleming is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Operation Homefront** (NV) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In his assignment as a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Greg recruits volunteers and conducts outreach to military populations for Operation Homefront's programs and social services. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Greg held positions in Veterans Affairs. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Regional Planning from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Greg is a veteran of the United States Army with 4 years of active duty service - one overseas in Iraq. He was honorably discharged as a Specialist from Bravo battery 2nd battalion 5th Field Artillery in Fort Sill, OK. Greg is currently a member of the American Legion in Port Vue, PA, and supports many local and national organization that help veterans.

Jonathan Granata is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Student Veterans of America** (DC) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In his assignment as a Development Specialist, Jonathan conducts a development resources inventory & analysis, develops individual donor development processes, and builds Student Veterans of America's capacity to apply for and secure funding. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Jonathan held positions in higher education with Wright State University's Veteran and Military Center after serving 5 years in the United States Air Force. Jonathan holds a bachelor's degree from Wright State University. He is a United States Air Force Veteran, E4 upon exiting the military from the 40th Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, in Abilene Texas. He is a life member Huber Heights VFW 3283, member of the American Legion, and former President of the Wright State University Student Veterans of America Chapter.

Katherine Green is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Soldiers' Angels** (TX) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a VA Voluntary Services Site Coordinator, Katherine builds the capacity of Soldiers' Angels programs in the VA and recruits volunteers. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Katherine held the Assistant Director position with Glover's Care Facility, and was a recruiter with Tidewater Staffing in Chesapeake, VA. Katherine served with AmeriCorps NCCC through American Red Cross as a Disaster Relief Specialist, from November 2014 to August 2015. Katherine holds a master's degree in Business from the University of Phoenix. She is a veteran, E4, of the United States Navy Reserves. Katherine has volunteered with Disabled American Veterans.

Kristin Henning is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Soldiers' Angels** (CO) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a VA Voluntary Services Site Coordinator, Kristin recruits volunteers to serve veterans in the VA. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Kristin held positions in social services with Brookside Inn. Kristin holds a master's degree from the University of Sedona. She is the daughter of a military service member.

Paula G. Humphries is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Miami Dade College** (FL) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a MILVET Services Specialist, Paula supports Miami Dade College's goal to establish a sustainable outreach program, VA Work Study Program, and Resource Center for military and veteran students. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Paula held positions in law with 36th District Court as a judge and the United States Army as a JAG Officer. Paula holds a Juris Doctorate Degree from Wayne State University Law School. She is a veteran of the United States Army JAG, serving as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Calvin Jensen is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Student Veterans of America** (DC) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In his assignment as a Chapter Liaison, Calvin builds the capacity of SVA chapter leaders to manage their programs and services for student veterans, expands attendance at and improves the Annual National Conference for training student chapter leaders, and builds SVA Chapters' awareness of local and national resources. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Calvin served as President of the University of Arizona chapter of Student Veterans of America and as a Resource and Transition Specialist for Veterans in Higher Education at the Veterans Education and Transition Services (VETS), University of Arizona. Calvin also worked as the Mentorship and Networking Director for Professor Michael Marks, Director of the Supportive Education for Returning Veterans (SERV) curriculum at the VETS Center at the University of Arizona. Calvin also worked as a student employee for the Department of Philosophy. During transition from the Marines and during his first year of college, Calvin worked as an Accounting and Tax Associate for Geoffrey Caldwell CPA, PC in Phoenix, Arizona. Calvin holds a dual bachelor's degree in Political Science with a specialization in International Relations, and in Philosophy with a specialization in Ethics from the University of Arizona. Prior to attending the University of Arizona, Calvin served as an Infantryman and Team Leader with Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, United States Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. From 2008-2012, Calvin deployed twice in support of combat operations in Operation Enduring Freedom and in support of expeditionary operations forward during the Arab Spring and Global War on Terror.

Lorena Jordan is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Soldiers' Angels** (SC) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a VA Voluntary Services Site Coordinator, Lorena recruits and coordinates volunteers at the Charleston, SC VA Hospital. Lorena holds a bachelor's degree with honors in Political Science from the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Richard Kanar is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Miami Dade College** (FL) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In his assignment as a MILVET Services Specialist, Richard establishes the framework for a college wide VA Work Study Program and supports the development of a Veteran Resource Center on campus. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Richard held positions as a senior voting machine technician at the Board of Elections in the City of New York, a public affairs consultant with New York Mental Health Counselors Association, and served as an intern with U.S. Permanent Mission to the United Nation. Richard holds a bachelor's degree in Public Affairs with a minor in communication studies from Baruch College. He volunteers with New York City Wounded Warriors Project as an event planner.

Stacey Massey Logan is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Operation Homefront** (GA) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Stacey recruits volunteers for Operation Homefront programs and events, and provides outreach in the local community. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Stacey held positions as an Executive Administrator with Upper Room Human Service Agency and The Resuscitated Church/Prophetic Praise International Fellowship. Stacey holds a degree in Business Management & Administration.

Trevina D. Maitland is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Miami Dade College** (FL) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a MILVET Services Specialist, Trevina develops outreach strategies and resource centers for veterans on campus and helps pilot a college-wide VA Work Study Program. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Trevina held an AmeriCorps position in community outreach and recruitment with the American Red Cross. Trevina holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Florida.

Danielle Manetta is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Soldiers' Angels** (TX) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a VA Voluntary Services Site Coordinator, Dani recruits and retains volunteers to serve at the Dallas VA Hospital. Dani holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Texas A&M University. She is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve with 4th Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) Headquarters.

Hector Moncada is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to the **Student Veterans of America** (DC) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In his assignment as a Chapter Liaison, Hector supports SVA local Chapters in the management of their programs and services, along with expanding attendance at and improving the Annual National Conference to train Chapter leaders. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Hector held positions in the outreach and marketing field with Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Navy League of the United States. Hector holds a bachelor's degree in Communication from the University of the Pacific. He is retired, E-4, from the United States Army. Hector held a president elect position at the San Joaquin Human Resources Association as well as a SHRM advocacy team Captain for Jeff Denham's congressional district.

Steve Nunez is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Student Veterans of America** (DC) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In his assignment as a Public Relations & Marketing Specialist, Steve develops the organization's technology management and communications materials and platforms. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Steve held positions in marketing and promotion with the University of South Dakota. Steve holds a bachelor's degree in Strategic Communication. He is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom as a Specialist with the Iowa National Guard, CO D FWD, SPT CO 334 BSB. He worked at the University of South Dakota Student Veteran Resource Center and is a member of the Vermillion American Legion Post No. 1.

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Rebekah Reyes is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Operation Homefront** (TX) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Rebekah recruits volunteers for Operation Homefront programs and provides community outreach with the goal of building strong stable military families. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Rebekah held the position of Program Assistant Coordinator with the Armed Services YMCA, assisting lower enlisted service members and their families. Rebekah is a proud army wife of 10 years. She has been serving her community for the last 10 years volunteering and working with local youth, veterans, enlisted military families, and service members.

Kristina Robinson is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Operation Homefront** (MD) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Housing Program Evaluation and Resource Specialist, Kristina supports the Transitional Housing program by increasing its capacity. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Kristina held positions in retail with Hallmark and held an internship in a marriage and family therapy practice. Kristina holds two bachelor's degrees, one in Psychology and the other in Sociology, both from Appalachian State University. Her grandfather and father have served in the military and her brother plans to enlist soon.

Chelsea Rysavy is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Operation Homefront** (WI) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In her assignment as a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Chelsea reaches military populations in need of emergency, family, housing, and related support services by recruiting volunteers for Operation Homefront programs and conducting outreach to promote the organization's service in the community. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Chelsea held leadership and outreach positions in nonprofit organizations such as the La Crosse Area Family YMCA and Winona Area Public Schools. Chelsea holds a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies with an emphasis on Leadership and Advocacy and a minor in Child Advocacy Studies.

Kyle Sawyer is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **Operation Homefront** (CA) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. In his assignment as a Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Kyle recruits and coordinates volunteers, and performs outreach in the local community. Kyle holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas. He is a veteran of the US Air Force, serving as a Senior Airman.

Nedrea Destaney-Beyonce Scott is an AmeriCorps VISTA member assigned to **AMVETS** (MD) through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project. As a Career Center Outreach Coordinator, Nedrea develops collaborations with organizations and employers to assist the Career Center in finding employment for veterans and servicemembers, which addresses poverty among that population. Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorps Project, Nedrea held positions as a Social Worker and University/Community Ambassador with several organizations - ACFLY of Atlanta, A Community Service Families First of Atlanta, and Clark Atlanta University to name a few. Nedrea is a recent two-time graduate of Clark Atlanta University, receiving a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Social Work. She most recently has written clinical and general Social Work articles for "The Social Work Helper." Nedrea currently sits on several boards - World AIDS Day Atlanta, Atlanta Coalition for LGBTQ Youth - and is the current Chairwoman for the Subcommittee of Faith and Family at the Georgia Safe Schools Coalition. She is a general member of Pneuma Christian Fellowship under Presiding Prelate Bishop Dr. Allyson Abrams and the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoys working with children, at-risk youth and adolescents, and Military families.

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