

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Lisa K. Kearney, PhD, ABPP

Dr. Lisa Kearney is the Acting Deputy Director of Suicide Prevention for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Her work focuses on the development of VA's comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention and overseeing the office's day-to-day operations.

Dr. Kearney recently served as the Associate Director of Education at the VA Center for Integrated Healthcare. She previously worked nationally as part of the executive team in the VA Office of Mental Health Operations as the Senior Consultant for Technical Assistance, overseeing mental health policy implementation through quality improvement site visits across the VA system. At the local level, Dr. Kearney served as the Chief of Psychology, Assistant Chief, Director of Training, and Director of Primary Care-Mental Health Integration at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System.

Dr. Kearney also is a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health, San Antonio. She is an Associate Editor for *Psychological Services* and the *Journal of Health Service Psychology*, and an Editor for *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*. She currently serves as the President of the American Academy of Clinical Health Psychology. Dr. Kearney is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a PhD in Counseling Psychology and is board certified in Clinical Health Psychology.

April L. Harris, Major (Ret.), U.S. Army

Major (Ret.) April L. Harris currently is working to educate service members, veterans, and family members about healing, using mediation and theatrical arts performance (storytelling) to heal old battle scars. Her performance was captured in an HBO short documentary appropriately titled, "We Are Not Done Yet."

Prior to her current position, Ms. Harris served 26 years in the U.S. Army as a Clinical Laboratory Officer (71E). Her assignments included duty as the 1st Commander of the 95th Blood Support Detachment in Camp Carroll, Korea. She also commanded the United States Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease (USAMRIID). One of her most rewarding assignments was as an instructor at the AMEDD Center and School, teaching hundreds of new trainees to be proud, tactically, and technically proficient laboratory technicians.

Ms. Harris' military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. She received a master's degree in clinical laboratory science from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, after which she received a direct commission from the rank of Sergeant First Class to 1st Lieutenant. She is from Omaha, Nebraska.

April S. Price

April Price lives a life of service as an Executive Director with the John Maxwell Team. Ms. Price is a certified facilitator, trainer, and coach who coaches individuals and groups in the areas of leadership development, professional skills, and personal growth. She specializes in leadership development and helping individuals and teams improve productivity and performance.

Ms. Price is an Army combat veteran with an extensive public service record. Her combined service record extends over 20 years with the Department of Defense, serving on active duty, and as a federal civilian employee. Ms. Price served in key leadership positions with the Defense Health Agency; U.S. Mission to NATO; Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe; Peace Stabilization Forces (Sarajevo, Bosnia); Multinational Force and Observers (Sinai, Egypt); Headquarters 1st COSCOM (Ft. Bragg, NC); and as the President of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (Korea).

Through her advocacy, Ms. Price actively supports service members, veterans, and their families. Due to her experiences, she has an unwavering commitment to helping women veterans overcome challenges, find their voice, and advocate for change. She actively volunteers as a peer group leader for the Women Veterans Network (WoVeN).

Ms. Price is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and has a Bachelor's of Science degree in business management.