

*Ohio Department of Veterans Services  
Advisory Committee on Women Veterans  
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Dear Women Veteran:

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women Veterans would like to invite you to share in a celebration of your service as a woman veteran. A one-day conference is planned for April 4, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio to acknowledge your commitment to our country.

The conference will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (please arrive early check in will start at 8:00 a.m.) at the Aladdin Shrine Center located at 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219. To reserve your seat, as seating will be limited, please mail your completed flyer along with \$5.00 to the address below. Directions to the conference will be available on the above web site.

The keynote speaker is Vernice Armour recently separated from the Marine Corps as a Captain, in June of 2007. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, she was recognized as America's First African-American Female Combat Pilot by the Department of Defense, and completed 2 combat tours of duty in the Gulf. Vernice was featured on Oprah Winfrey, CNN, NPR, and others; she has emerged as a leadership coach and speaker for the 21st Century.

A number of organizations including federal and state agencies, along with veteran organizations have been assembled to host this event. The goal of this conference is to provide you with comprehensive information regarding benefits and opportunities to which you may be entitled.

A nominal fee of \$5.00 is to off set the lunch cost. Please make your check payable to Marine Corps League Detachment 830 at 141 West Main Street, Suite 300, Circleville, OH 43113. Indicate on your check it is for the Women Veterans Conference. Once payment is received you will be mailed a verification of your payment. If you have a driver or friend that will be accompanying you they must register and also pay the nominal fee. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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