

As a younger generation female U.S. Army combat veteran and currently service Colorado Army National Guardsmen, I feel that the board needed a voice regarding the new and developing challenges veterans are facing when they return from our longest wars with multiple overseas rotations. As a senior enlisted Colorado National Guardsmen with multiple tours overseas I have seen challenges that service members and Veterans face when integrating back into the civilian lifestyle and employment spaces.

Having worked to serve military service members, veterans, and their families for the last 11 years starting as a DoD contractor for the organization formerly known as the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) which brings back the remains of POW/MIAs, to working as a Congressional Staffer for U.S. Senator Michael Bennet to address prominent issues in the veteran community, to currently working to help veterans gain employment at Xcel Energy, I have secured a passion to serve veterans by keeping up with the constant changes of our battlefields both overseas and during our return.

### **Experience**

Veteran and Diversity Consultant; Xcel Energy

Veteran Constituent Advocate and Outreach Coordinator; U.S. Senator Michael Bennet

### **Community Service**

**American Legion:** Post 206, All Women's Post

**Veterans of Foreign Wars:** Post 1

**Arapahoe/Douglas County Workforce Economic Development Board:** Member and subcommittee member of the veterans Task Force

### **Veteran**

Army National Guard 2004-Present

Deployed twice with the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

Deployed once with Special Operations Detachment – Korea (SOD-K) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

### **Education**

Colorado State University-Global

B.S. Social Sciences