

Litonya J. Wilson



Litonya J. Wilson is a Veteran who retired as a Colonel from the US Army after 26 ½ years of service. She has a BS in Packaging Engineering Management from Michigan State University and an MBA from Texas Southern University. During her time in the USA she held key leadership and staff positions at all levels to include commanding a Battalion of over 750 Soldiers and Deputy Chief of Staff of a Division of over 30,000 Soldiers and family members. She deployed on three different occasions including a year to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm/Shield as a Maintenance Platoon Leader in charge of a Convoy Support Center and operations to redeploy Service members; a year in Iraq as an Executive Officer of a 700+ Soldier unit that supported all Service members in Iraq with equipment and supplies; and eight months to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraq Freedom as the Chief of Operations for Logistics coordinating with strategic partners and supporting Service members in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq with movement of personnel, equipment, fuel, food, ammunition and other supplies, in addition to redeployment and retrograding equipment.

Litonya's culminating assignment was as Deputy Director for the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, working to promote military readiness by eliminating sexual assault through the execution of SAPR policy, planning and oversight across the DoD community. As part of her duties she hosted workshops at the End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) and Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) conferences, and delivered presentations on behalf of the DoD to the US Peace Corps, US Institute for Peace (Working Group on Women, Peace & Security), Congressional Members, and White House Staff. Many of the concepts she shared were adopted by President Obama's White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and benefitted the nation's colleges and universities.

Since retiring Litonya has been active in her community. She joined and began volunteering through Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Sigma Gamma Rho focuses on improving the lives of women and children through "Scholarship, Service and Sisterhood." Litonya has chaired the Health and Wellness Committee implementing initiatives focusing on "Healthy Living, Healthy Choice and Healthy Generations", to include creating an annual "Women's Wellness Expo" and establishing a garden. She has sponsored and mentored young girls between the ages of 8-11, collected and donated supplies for the county's annual giveaway, assisted with voter registration and so much more. Additionally, she is a member of "Poodles in Boot", a group of women within Sigma Gamma Rho who has served in the military.