#### Joy Ashcraft, LMSW

Director, Maryland's Commitment to Veterans (MCV)



Joy Ashcraft joined MCV in March 2020. She has spent the past 20 years working alongside and in support of the military and veteranconnected community. She has the honor of leading the MCV and Maryland Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families teams. Joy earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Southern California where she specialized in Community Organization, Planning and

Administration and minored in Military Social Work. She also holds a Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling from Bowie State University. Joy comes from a family with a long tradition of military service and currently serves as the SI Administrative Officer and Behavioral Health Practitioner in the 10th Medical Regiment of the Maryland Defense Force. She is passionate about supporting this community and truly enjoys building community capacity.

#### Dina Karpf, BSW

Strategic Partnership & Eastern Regional Resource Coordinator



Dina Karpf joined MCV in May 2014. She has spent the past 9 years dedicated to working tirelessly for Service Members, Veterans and their Families (SMVF). She participates in local Behavioral Health Management Boards, Suicide Prevention Organizations, as well as being on the Route 50 Veteran Stand Downs committee. Dina earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Salisbury University. Above all else, Dina has a passion for caring for veterans on the Eastern Shore & beyond.

## Rick Reed, MPA

Coordination and Utilization Supervisor



Rick Reed has been with the MCV organization since 2014. He is a disabled combat veteran who served eight years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His overseas tours include KFOR Operations in Kosovo 1999, the initial 2001 push in Afghanistan during the OEF campaign, the initial 2003 push during the OIF campaign, and several humanitarian missions in between. Rick holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in

Accounting, Finance, and Marketing, as well as a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in Statistics. Rick says, "his current position allows him to continue to express his passion to serve his country by assisting Maryland veterans alongside transitioning service members and their families with behavioral health matters and additional supportive services."

#### Hannah Rodriguez, BS

SMVF Suicide Prevention Administrator



Hannah Rodriguez has been serving as the Behavioral Health Administration's Service Member, Veterans and Families (SMVF) Suicide Prevention Administrator since 2021 as a part of Maryland's Commitment to Veterans. She leads the Lethal Means Safety, and Safety Planning workgroup, as part of the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide in the SMVF population. Hannah is a U.S. Army veteran and holds bachelor's degrees from the University of New Haven in Arson Investigation and Fire Administration. Prior to

working at the Maryland Department of Health she served in emergency medicine for 8 years before transitioning to the education of medical service providers to encourage best practices and address disparities in healthcare.

## Justin Willis, MPP

Communications & Central Regional Resource Coordinator



Justin Willis joined the MCV team in March of 2023. Justin served eight years of active duty in the U.S. Army, participating in both combat and humanitarian deployments. Following his military commitment, he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, at UMBC, while simultaneously completing coursework for a master's in public policy. Serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Justin is an active lifetime member of the VFW and is always looking for ways to connect with fellow veterans. He has worked with veteran-

centered, non-profit groups and proud veterans throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, DC, Florida, and The Bahamas.

# Tenika Wilson, BS

Training & Southern Regional Resource Coordinator



Tenika Wilson joined MCV in September of 2023. She is a dedicated advocate with a profound commitment to supporting the military, veterans, and their family members. Over the course of her career, she has invested a remarkable 5 years in this noble endeavor. Tenika's impact has been felt across various regions of the United States, including the West Coast, the East Coast, and the Southern Region where she has been an integral part of the Department of Defense and DoD-NAF. Tenika earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a concentration in

Human Resource Management from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Tenika states, "She is genuinely excited to continue her efforts aiming to make an even more significant difference in the lives of those who have selflessly served our country and their families!"