## Honoring *Women* Veterans Conference

*Registration – FREE! Space is limited.*

Please register by May 20, 2011, online, by mail, or by telephone.

**Online:** www.evansville.edu/veteransaffairs

**By Mail:** University of Evansville
Office of Veterans Affairs
1800 Lincoln Avenue
Evansville, Indiana 47722

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Gender: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

Years of Service: (i.e. 2001-2005) _____

War Zone Service? *(Circle one)*: YES NO

If so, where? _____

Need Lodging?* *(Circle one)*: YES NO

Lodging Choice *(Circle one)*: Single Double

Do you have a disability that requires special accomodations?

*(Circle one)*: YES NO

*Limited residence hall lodging is available for Friday night on the University of Evansville campus. Rates are: single room $30; double room $20. Residence halls require individuals of the same gender to occupy rooms. Payment is due upon check-in by cash or check made payable to the University of Evansville, memo line: Women Veterans Conference.

*If you have questions, or to register by phone:*

Sarah Paul or Trudy Buckman, Evansville Vet Center
Telephone: 812-473-5993

Cherie Leonhardt, University of Evansville
Telephone: 812-488-2141
Toll Free: 800-423-8633, ext. 2141
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*"I liked the information available at the conference, but the thing I enjoyed most was meeting other women veterans. I loved hearing their stories. I want to go back to see friends I met last year!"*

**- Bridget Soucy**
Navy Veteran, Hospital Corpsman First Class
Served from 1989-2009

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*Join us for a FREE, fun, and informative day designed for women who have served in the United States military.*

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Saturday, June 4, 2011
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

University of Evansville
Eykamp Hall
Ridgway University Center
Evansville, Indiana

*Army Reservist, Candace Holland (18 years old), poses for a picture at the 2010 Honoring Women Veterans Conference with WWII Navy WAVE Veteran, Susan Sohler (100 years old).*

*In 2010,* conference participants ranged in age from 18 to 100 years old. They traveled from Oklahoma to Washington, D.C., and everywhere in between to attend.

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**Activities and topics are focused on women and include:**

- Get the most current information about your military benefits
- Networking and resources for employment opportunities
- Enjoy a complimentary lunch and an afternoon of being pampered
- Meet fellow women veterans of all ages and branches of service

## List of Exhibitors and Pampering Participants (more to come)

- Atlas Chiropractic
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Gilkey Chiropractic
- Impulse Hair Studio
- ITT Technical Institute
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Massage
- Robin's Nest
- Roger's Hair Academy
- Teresa Redden - Mary Kay Cosmetics
- WorkOne
- University of Evansville
- University of Southern Indiana

## Schedule of Events

**8:00 a.m. — Registration and Continental Breakfast**
*Department of Veterans Affairs and community resource exhibitors available throughout the morning with information about employment, housing, health care, education, and family support.*

**8:45 a.m. — Welcoming Remarks**
Presentation of the Colors and National Anthem

**9:15 a.m. — Veterans Benefits**
Understanding Your Veteran Benefits and How to Access Them

**9:45 a.m. — Break**
*Department of Veterans Affairs and community resource vendors available*

**10:00 a.m. — Keynote Address**
Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Irene Trowell-Harris, RN, EdD
Director, Center for Women Veterans,
Department of Veterans Affairs

**11:00 a.m. — Break**
*Department of Veterans Affairs and community resource vendors available*

**11:30 a.m. — Utilizing Military Experience at Work, Community, and Home**

**Noon — Lunch**
Complimentary for Women Veterans Conference participants

**1:00 p.m. — Let the Pampering Begin!**
Enjoy opportunities to be spoiled

**3:30 p.m. — Closing Remarks and Drawings for Prizes**

## Keynote Speaker

**Major General (Ret.)
Irene Trowell-Harris, RN, EdD
Director, Center for Women Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs**

Irene Trowell-Harris was nominated to be director of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Center for Women Veterans in June 2001 and approved by the White House on October 2, 2001. In this role, she is the primary advisor to the secretary of veterans affairs on programs and issues related to women veterans.

Prior to her appointment, Trowell-Harris served as director of VA's Office of Inspector General's Healthcare Inspections Regional Office in Washington, D.C. In this position, she directed a multidisciplinary staff of inspectors responsible for conducting oversight reviews to improve the economy and the effectiveness and efficiency of VA's programs.

Concurrent with her position in VA's Office of Inspector General, Trowell-Harris served 38 years in the U.S. Air Force/Air National Guard (ANG), retiring as a major general in September 2001. During her military career, she held numerous positions, including chief nurse executive; flight nurse examiner; commander; advisor for nursing and readiness; assistant to the director, ANG; and military representative to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services for the ANG. She was a 1997 Air Force representative for the Committee on Women in the NATO Forces Conference held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Born in Aiken, South Carolina, Trowell-Harris is a graduate of Columbia Hospital School of Nursing, Jersey City State College, where she earned a bachelor's degree with honors in health education. She earned a master's degree in public health from Yale University and a doctorate in education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

A recipient of the Air Force Distinguished Service and Legion of Merit awards, Trowell-Harris was the first African-American female in the history of the National Guard to be promoted to general officer. She received the Air Force Association's National Aerospace Award for Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year 2010, given for the most outstanding performance of duty as a VA employee and her consistent dedication to the well being of our veterans.

## About the Evansville Vet Center

The Evansville Vet Center, as part of the Department of Veterans Affairs, works in collaboration with community agencies, local educational facilities, and the Marion, Illinois, VAMC. The Vet Center provides individual readjustment counseling and a wide range of services for honorably discharged combat veterans, victims of military sexual trauma, and their families.

## About the University of Evansville

The University of Evansville is pleased to host the Honoring Women Veterans Conference and to join in the celebration of dedicated women who have served our country. UE is proud to be an Institution of Higher Learning partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Yellow Ribbon program. This relationship between the University and the VA enables veteran students and their families to affordably realize a UE education. For many students, the award is full-tuition plus a living stipend. More information is available on the UE Office of Veterans Affairs web page: www.evansville.edu/veteransaffairs.

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