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Composer, author, poet, writer, retired educator, former disc jockey and sports play-by-play announcer, former police officer, Marine, and Daughter of The King.

Like many comrades, I utilized the DEP in 1978 and graduated as the Honor Grad and Perfect PFT (300) awardee of Platoon 17B/4172 at Parris Island, SC. Returned in 1985 and had a successful tour as a Drill Instructor. Selected for the East Coast Regional basketball, volleyball, and track teams for the majority of my enlistment. Separated from service in 1991 and embarked on a career as a police officer.

After a few years, decided to make a shift and worked in radio for about 4.5 years. From there, I found my way into the classroom. Entered academia via a non-traditional route, it was eventual that I would end up teaching SBH/ED and alternative education classrooms and schools. I was a coach and a referee for basketball, volleyball, and track.

Medical retirement cut the career, and I spent years as a full-time caregiver as I journeyed through the Transition of my father, and both grandmothers. Since the age of 20, I have taught Bible at the various churches I attended, missionary society member and served as a Children's ministry musician and director. I write music and use to sing with various gospel recording ensembles and choirs.

Currently, I teach the Bible to various groups, and once again, I find myself back in Seminary. Still hungry.

As a veteran, I serve as the Department Media Chair and the Department Oratorical Contest Chair of the American Legion Department of the District of Columbia, Commander of USS Jacob Jones Historic Post 2 (the first all-female Legion post, and the second post established), and I belong to TALMA (The American Legion Media Alliance).

Other organizations I belong to include the following: VFW Post 3629 Fairbanks, AK, AmVets Post 77 Muskegon, Mi, NABVets Post 89 District Hts, MD, East Coast Drill Instructors Association, Montford Point Marine Association Chapter 6 Washington, DC, DAV #111 Hanover, PA, Non-commissioned Officers Association, Military Sister Initiative, WoVEN, WIMSA (charter member), Women's Veterans Alliance, National Museum of African American History and Culture Museum (charter member), member of LULAC, member of the NAACP, supporter on the Innocence Project and a member of the Akron Press Club.

My husband (Shon-Tae Wright) and I have five children, and he is an Air Force veteran.

I am an inactive member of Eastern Star, F&AM, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

