



Rocky Mountain Synod

# Veteran Servant Corps Project

## Board Members

**Veronica (Vicky) F. Daub**

Executive Director



Vicky and her husband Larry have been working with military families since January 2012. Larry served in the United States Air Force from 1958-1979. He was deployed to various locations, including Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. Vicky has earned a B.A. (University of Northern Colorado, 1978), a M.B.A (University of Colorado, 1999), and a M.A. in Christian Ministry (Luther Seminary, 2019). Vicky is a Colorado native and lifelong RMS/ELCA member. She has served as a Board Member for two non-profits supporting Veterans. Larry and Vicky were married at Joy Lutheran in Parker, Colorado November 1, 1990. They are currently members at Bethany Lutheran in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado. God called the Daubs to this ministry of working with military families on Thanksgiving Eve 2011.

## **Sandra Kassin**

Secretary of the Board



Pastor Diana Linden-Johnson from Peace Lutheran, El Paso, Texas nominated Sandra for the VSC Board in June 2020, after Vicky's VSC presentation to the Border and North New Mexico Conferences. As such, Sandra is representing the El Paso, TX area. Her husband served in the United States Army and is still actively working with the same. Sandra has served as leader of a Family Readiness Group (FRG) during several deployments. FRGs are command-sponsored organizations of family members, volunteers, and soldiers belonging to a unit, that together provide an avenue of mutual support and assistance, as well as a network of communications among the family members, the chain of command, and community resources. Sandra has also worked extensively with homeless veterans.

## **Diana Biggs**

Board Member



Diana heard about VSC at Vicky's May 1, 2020 presentation to the Synod Council. Shortly thereafter, she contacted Vicky to become a Board Member. Diana is a member at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran in Canon City, Colorado. As such, Diana is representing the Southern Colorado area. She served two terms on the Synod Council and currently serves on the RMS Candidacy Committee. Diana comes from a long line of military people who have been in combat situations. Diana joined VSC because she thinks that our country/VA don't always take proper care of Veterans when they return from war.

## **Royce Schultz**

Board Member



Pastor Joel Pancoast from Zion Lutheran in Loveland, Colorado nominated Royce for the VSC Board in July 2020, after Vicky's presentation to the North Colorado Conference. As such, Royce is representing the Northern Colorado area. He was born and raised in southern Wisconsin on a dairy farm. Royce served in the United States Army from 1965-1967. He married his wife Carol in 1968. That same year, Royce started a career in Law Enforcement. He graduated with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice in 1979. Royce retired from Law Enforcement in 2005. He is now a driver for Uber and Uber Eats. Royce joined VSC to assist in any possible way, working through the Church, to support Veterans, including those Veterans who are homeless. Before the pandemic, Royce was participating in a weekly event for Veterans and their spouses that regularly drew 100 attendees in Northern Colorado.

## **Sue Munson**

Board Member



Representing Northern Utah, Sue is a member of Elim Lutheran Church in Ogden. A lifelong Lutheran, Sue helped form the Wolf Creek Foundation in 2006. The Wolf Creek Foundation supports and facilitates weekend retreats for military families that have a member either about to deploy or just returning from deployment. Through a partnership with Hill Air Force Base, they sponsor retreats twice a year, where military families relax, reconnect and develop much needed skills that help the entire family cope with deployments. Meals, lodging and entertainment, along with dedicated programming for adults and children are offered at no cost to the family. Sue is excited to join the Veteran Servant Corps and help develop programs that will benefit veterans and their families into the future.

## **Ronald Furstenau**

Board Member



Ron was nominated for the VSC board by Diana Biggs in November 2020. Ron is a member of First Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was on active duty in the Air Force for 28 years, and served as a civilian in the Air Force for an additional 12 years before retiring in 2018. Ron spent most of his Air Force time serving as a chemistry professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He has served on the boards of three nonprofits in the Colorado Springs area, as well as a foundation which supports funding of science education programs and scholarships. Because of all of the great things that the people in Air Force have done for him in his life, Ron is excited to have this opportunity to serve veterans.