



Andrea L. Tanner is a proud Army Veteran. She serves as the first president and charter member of the Houston Chapter and the state of Texas. Andrea has completed All But her Dissertation (ABD) in receiving her Doctorate in Community Care and Counseling with an emphasis in Trauma. She currently holds a Master of Science Degree in Behavioral Science concentrating in Psychology. She is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS), as a Vet Center Director and Chair of her District's Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity committee. She oversaw \$2-3M in the construction of two new Vet Centers in the states of Oklahoma and Texas. Prior to that, as director, she was awarded as one of the top producing centers nationally, serving our nation's veterans. She has also served as the National African American Calendar Chairperson and Regional Representative for RCS African American Working Group.

Andrea served as an Adjunct Professor at Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma for nine years teaching curriculum such as General Psychology, Applied Psychology, Life Span Development, Psychology of Learning, Counseling and Clinical Psychology, to include workshops on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Military Family Secondary Stress, etc. She holds the following licenses: Licensed Marriage and Family Counselor, Licensed Professional Counselor, and Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor. She has served in many capacities within her discipline. Andrea is the founder of The Village Builders Clinical Solutions and Consulting.

Andrea continues to stay active within her community and church. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she also served as a member on the sorority's International Graduate/Undergraduate Task Force, Chapter President, Chapter Vice-President, Chapter Magazine Reporter, the Chair of the Chapter's Social Committee, member on the Chapter Bylaws Committee, and Scholarship Committee, just to name a few. Andrea single-handedly spearheaded getting the City of Lawton, Oklahoma to erect a sign with the sorority and chapter's name on it on one of the busiest streets in the city.

Before moving to Texas, Andrea served as a licensed minister in her church over the InTouch-InReach Ministry. She now serves on the NOW Church (Richmond, Texas) Culture Essentials 101 Team which orientates new members to the culture of the church's ministry.

Andrea is the proud mother of three adult children; all of whom are college graduates. She also has a daughter (Assistant Secretary of the Houston Chapter) that is currently serving on Active Duty in the U.S. Army.

Andrea was born and raised in Edwards, Mississippi.