

Tanya P. Johnson-Maness "Tan"

Is a native of Winston-Salem, NC. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where she earned a BA in Political Science.

Mrs. Maness served 6 ½ years in the US Army after graduating from college. She served as a Retirement Specialist, MOS Branch Manager, Platoon Sergeant and a Pharmacy Technician.

Mrs. Maness was honorably discharged from the Army and began her career with the Department of Veterans Affairs (the VA) in June 2000 at the Winston-Salem Regional Office, as a Veterans Service Representative (VSR) and then promoted to the prestigious Rating Board as an RVSR (Rating Veterans Service Representative).

In 2004 and 2007, she was nationally selected as an Overseas Military Specialist Coordinator (OMSC), with an assignment for 4 ½ months each selected year, to Italy, Spain and Portugal. The job required her to travel alone, conducting VA briefings to military service members and their dependents, who were in the process of separating from the military throughout all of Italy, wherever there were U.S. military bases and in Rota, Spain and Lajes, Portugal.

In March 2008, she was promoted to a position in the Headquarters office of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, DC. Her new position was on the Outreach Staff as the Program Manager for the Chemical Biological Program Section and Assistant Program Manager for the Military Overseas Program. She was also a member of the VA Cavaliers Toastmasters in Washington, DC.

She is married to Rev Jetson R. Maness, Presiding Elder of the Charleston-Columbia district in September 2018. She is also the 1st Lady of Mount Olive CME Church in Lexington, SC and the 1st Lady of the Charleston-Columbia District of the CME Church.

Mrs. Maness is the CEO of her own company, Assist Vet Consulting, LLC and a national member of the American Business Women Association (ABWA). She is also a member of the Ministers' Spouses and Missionaries of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church-Carolina Region and a Soror of Kappa Epsilon Psi, Military Sorority Inc (KEΨ).

She is the mother of two children, Paul and Amelia and Nana to Amara and Jetson Lee. She and Presiding Elder Maness currently live in Evans, GA.