

Good afternoon,

Let me first say thank you to Rep. Adam Miller for inviting me to speak, and thanks to the committee for taking the time to listen to me.

I am, John Marshall, a life-long resident of Franklin County and Columbus, Ohio. I attended Columbus South High School and the Ohio State University after my military on the GI Bill. I am a US Army veteran serving from 1970-1976 with an Honorable Discharge I might add. I am a father of two daughters Laura and Paj, a grandfather of three granddaughters Paije, Rory and Paris. And for this reason alone I am an advocate of putting a female on any Veterans Service Commission.

- Veteran

-served with female soldiers of all ranks

-Worked with and for female officers at the Department of Defense Pentagon

-worked with female commission members at Franklin County Veterans Memorial

-Worked with female commission members at the American Battle Monuments Commission

-worked with female veterans at the American Battle Monuments Commission office in Washington, DC and aboard in 17 nations

-Worked with females at the White House office of advance domestic and aboard

-served with females on the president's veterans advisory committee

Worked with females on the Arlington National Cemetery Committee, Washington, DC

United States Veteran Population 21,369,602

Percent female 7.3

Ohio Veteran Population 864,923

Percent female 6.0