**MEET OUR VITAL CAMPUS OUTREACH REPRESENTATIVE**

Barb Shupe is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with over 25 years’ experience working with individuals and families. Before accepting the VA V.I.T.A.L. Program Outreach position in August 2014, she worked seven years serving Nebraska’s military and veteran population as the Senior Military Family Life Consultant, in a Department of Defense contracted position. She served all military branches as well as surviving families of fallen service members (Gold Star Families). She has received several “challenge coins” (awards) from commanders due to her exemplary work with service members as an MFLC. Prior to her MFLC work, she provided social work services to military families stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Whiteman AFB, and Ft. Leavenworth in the areas of adoption, domestic violence, military life stress, child welfare, and crisis pregnancy.

Ms. Shupe was married to a Vietnam Era Army veteran for 22 years. She is also a “Gold Star” surviving adult child of an Airman killed on active duty. She has many family members who are or have served in the military.

She has stated she believes it is such an honor for her to serve military/veterans because they have been willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for all of the citizens of the United States of America!

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