



# Davenport University Veteran BSN

## Davenport University VBSN team prepares to welcome **Ms. Marian Smithey** as keynote speaker

Ms. Smithey is currently the VBSN program Project Officer and a Nurse Consultant for the *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* in the *Bureau of Health Workforce's Division of Nursing and Public Health*. She holds a *Master of Science in Health Promotion, Bachelor of Science in Nursing*, and is a member of the *Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society*.

Ms. Smithey has been managing the *Veterans' Bachelor of Science in Nursing (VBSN)* program since its inception in 2013, which presently consists of 31 programs across 17 states. In her present role, she advocates for veterans by helping colleges of nursing manage their HRSA grants and by sharing program accomplishments with stakeholders and federal leaders.

Since joining HRSA, Ms. Smithey served as HRSA's *National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)* Scholar, received numerous awards for job performance excellence, and earned several HRSA Honors Awards for her contributions while serving on the *Veterans' Advanced Medical Occupations, Affordable Care Act Outreach and Education, and Team-Based Care* workgroups.

Davenport University is honored to host Ms. Smithey as the keynote speaker for our [Camo to College and Beyond: Transitioning Military to Nurses](#) conference scheduled for **Friday, June 8th, 2018**, and we look forward to hearing her share her subject matter expertise!