



CHERISSA JACKSON

American Veterans Chief
Medical Executive

Founder of Project Give
Hope

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“America’s Combat Nurse”

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Cherissa Jackson envelops others so they might benefit from her own experiences. Currently serving as AMVET’s Chief Medical Executive, Cherissa heads the organization’s HEAL Program, which strives to confront the risk factors that lead to crisis and veteran suicide. After serving three combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan as a battlefield nurse, the United States Air Force Veteran was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and recognized her own tendency to heal the wounds of others while ignoring her own needs for serenity and tranquility.

She is the recipient of several awards for her work with PTSD, including the “Passion Award,” the “Vetty” and the “Star Nurse’s Nightingale Award.” She recently launched a cannabis business which uses DNA sequencing to match patients with best outcomes. Charissa also created the non-profit organization “Project Give Hope” which seeks to educate women in Uganda, Ghana and Nigeria about cervical cancer prevention and treatment.

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