



Andrea Fisher is currently a Global Programs Manager on the Transitions team with the United Services Organization (USO) providing support to service members and their families during their military career. Prior to joining the USO, Mrs. Fisher was the Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator caring for Military Families of the Fallen in Arkansas since 2013. She was the Executive Director for the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association of Arkansas after returning from Balad, Iraq where she deployed with the USO as a Duty Manager (Department of Defense Civilian) for the two USO Centers on Balad Air Force Base in 2010-2011. As the Duty Manager, she oversaw day to day procedures, managed volunteers, coordinated events and served the 25,000 service members stationed in Balad with a home-away-from-home experience. Earlier in her career, she worked in supervisory roles for large for-profit retailers including T-Mobile Wireless, Walmart Home Office and Tyson Foods Headquarters in Northwest Arkansas before listening to her heart tugging at her to serve those who serve us every day.

Andrea is part of a strong military family – her dad is a Combat Vietnam Veteran in the US Marine Corps, her grandfather served in the Army Air Corps and her other grandfather was held as a POW for 26 months during WWII in Oflag 64 serving in the US Army. Her uncles all served in the US Army or US Marine Corps during the Vietnam era. Her husband is currently serving his 23<sup>rd</sup> year in the Arkansas Army National Guard.

Andrea founded the nonprofit Hearts of our Heroes, LLC, the Fallen Heroes Living Memorial and Arkansas Bikers Backing our BLUE. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Arkansas Veterans Cemetery Foundation, Friends of Fisher House Arkansas and Rally Point Nonprofit Council. She serves as an Associate Member of the Marine Corps League and was nominated to be the National Securities Manager State Chair with the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas, is a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, Bombshell Belles of Arkansas, Oflag 64 WWII POW organization, Camp Robinson/Camp Pike Community Council, Arkansas Veterans Coalition, Chamber of Commerce Military Relations Committee for Sherwood and North Little Rock, served as the Little Rock Air Force Base Honorary Commander for the 19<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Medical Squadron in 2016 and was the Family Readiness Group (FRG) Leader for the 39<sup>th</sup> HHC IBCT during her husband's 2017-2018 deployment.

She has been presented the Military Exceptional Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Order of St. Maurice Civis Medal, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Seven Seals Award and Marine Corps League Associate Member of the Year award for her continued service to the military.

A native of California, Andrea holds a Masters in Nonprofit Management from Capella University, a Bachelor's of Science in Zoology from Oklahoma State University and a Paralegal Certification from Bryant & Stratton College. She is currently pursuing a second Masters in Project Management and received a military spouse fellowship to obtain her Personal Financial Counseling certification. She resides in Vilonia, Arkansas with her husband and son.