

About the Keynote: Tyrone Chatman



When he enlisted in the United States Army in 1970, Tyrone Chatman had never even *heard* of Vietnam.

As a seventeen-year-old east side kid and a first-hand witness to Detroit's 1968 riots, he figured that the military might be a way out of some troubled waters, ones he was experiencing personally and within the city of Detroit.

In ways it was, but in other ways, his war experience affected every aspect of his life and personality, and continues to affect him to this day.

His story may not be typical of all Vietnam vets, but it is a riveting overview of the experiences that many dealt with, especially African Americans. His return to the United States after ten months in country was filled with the same lack of respect and gratitude that most Vietnam vets suffered, but as a black man, he came back to a country that continued to treat him as a second-class citizen.

As such, he went through a long period of insecurity and nearly 're-upped' for another tour. During that period, he became acutely aware that the help that many Vietnam vets needed (this was an era before 'post traumatic stress syndrome' was a widely understood affliction) was simply not available. Today, with over three decades of social work behind him, Tyrone is the CEO and Executive Director of the Michigan Veterans Foundation on Park Avenue in Detroit. This non-profit agency offers counseling, substance abuse treatment and housing along with other services to Michigan vets, regardless of the conflict in which they served.

Tyrone maintains, "This has been an incredible opportunity to me; I would work with these vets for free if I could figure out how to manage it... This is a chance for all of us who have served our country to come together and meet our challenges as a team. That, more than anything else, is the lesson I learned as a soldier..."



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With Keynote Speaker:

Tyrone Chatman, United States Army Veteran, CEO & Executive Director of the Michigan Veterans Foundation

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