

## **Mrs. Patricia K. Shinseki**

Patty Shinseki was born and raised on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. She earned undergraduate degrees in Biology and Sociology at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon and a Master's Degree in Biological Science Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

An Army spouse for 38 years, Mrs. Shinseki devoted herself to volunteer work in the schools and community, the American Red Cross, Family Readiness Groups, The Arlington Ladies, and spouse development initiatives, among other military family programs and priorities. She has served on the Boards of the Armed Services YMCA, The Army Distaff Foundation, Army Emergency Relief, and has provided assistance and support to other organizations serving military families.

She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of The Military Child Education Coalition, and is the chair of its Living in the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive Through Good and Challenging Times initiative. She is a member of the Board of Managers of The Army Emergency Relief, the Board of Advisors of the Hesselbein Global Academy for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at the University of Pittsburgh, and as an Advisory Board member for Sesame Workshop's *Talk, Listen, Connect* program. She is a past member of the Panel for the Care of Individuals with Amputations and Functional Limb Loss, a subcommittee of the Defense Health Board.

Mrs. Shinseki is married to retired Army Chief of Staff and current Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. The Shinseki's have two children and seven grandchildren.