



VERNICE “FLYGIRL” ARMOUR

Official Bio

Leveraging her “Breakthrough Mentality” and “Get Gutsy” mindset, Vernice “FlyGirl” Armour propelled herself from beat cop to combat pilot in a record-breaking three years and became **America’s First African American Female Combat Pilot**. As featured on CNN, MSNBC, The View, FOX News, Oprah Winfrey and others, FlyGirl’s fresh, edgy style, high, contagious energy and unique, gutsy essence jump off the stage, page and screen and moves people to action. Since 2007, she has inspired countless organizations and individuals to make gutsy moves and create breakthrough results.

Commanding corporate, STEM-centric and female executive and entrepreneur audiences across the globe, FlyGirl’s most requested keynotes, **Zero to Breakthrough**,™ **One Mission, One Goal, One Team**™ and **Get Gutsy. Live Gutsy!**,™ deliver messages that resonate: “You **have** permission to Engage;” “Take off from where you **are**;” “We win or lose **together**;” and “In order to succeed you **gotta ‘Get Gutsy!’**”

A Tennessee native and graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, FlyGirl holds two honorary doctorates, was a Diversity Liaison Officer to the Pentagon for Headquarters Marine Corps and is a member of the COMCAST/NBCUniversal Joint Diversity Council. She has received numerous awards as a pioneering pilot, to include her commanding role in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). She was the Marine Corps’ first African American Female pilot, first African American woman on the Nashville Police Department’s motorcycle squad, a Camp Pendleton Female Athlete of the Year and two-time titleholder in their Strongest Warrior Competition, and a running back for the women’s pro football team, the San Diego ‘Sunfire.’

FlyGirl’s first signature book, **Zero to Breakthrough**,™ was released in 2011.

FlyGirl is married and resides in the Atlanta, GA area. In 2015, she gave birth to “FlyBaby,” *her* gutsiest move yet!