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Honoring Military Service • Encouraging Healing • Restoring Hope

Sallie Dawkins began her service in the U.S. Air Force as an Aerospace Ground Equipment technician, serving stateside and in Europe in support of F-111 and EF-111 aircraft during the Cold War era. She completed one term of enlistment from 1987 to 1995, fulfilling both active-duty and Inactive Reserve obligations. With a family history of military service spanning several generations and multiple branches of the Armed Forces, she has a deep appreciation for those who serve and the families who support them.

Sallie's connection to military life continued through twelve years as a military spouse and professional roles supporting family child care programs and Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Alabama. She later served as a Training and Curriculum Specialist at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay and Naval Air Station Barbers Point in Hawaii. An educator with a master's degree in education, Sallie homeschooled her children across four states and taught early childhood education coursework at Southwestern Illinois College, where her teaching earned her recognition in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. In 2020, she was ordained through Joan Hunter Ministries, and published her first books in 2021.

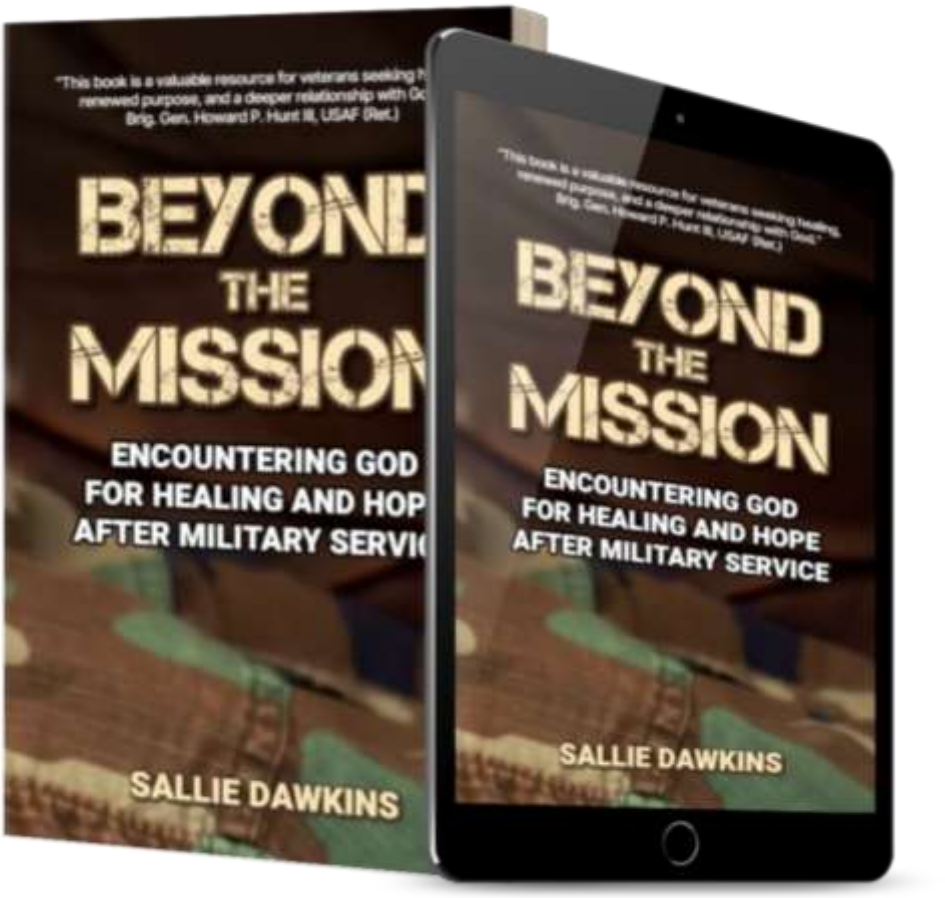
In the last few years while navigating medical challenges, Sallie found unexpected opportunities to connect with fellow veterans at the Lexington, KY, VA Medical Center. Consistently, conversations revealed struggles that continued decades after military service ended. As she brought their stories before God in prayer, she began recognizing His heart for veterans and a calling that eventually inspired her newest book, ***Beyond the Mission: Encountering God for Healing and Hope After Military Service.***

Written by a veteran for fellow veterans, ***Beyond the Mission*** goes beyond the familiar subjects of PTSD and trauma to explore deeply rooted beliefs, moral injury, and spiritual struggles that can influence identity, relationships, and faith. Through Scripture, reflection, prayer, and guided encounters with God, the book offers a compassionate invitation to experience His healing love and discover freedom, hope, and renewed purpose.

The book has received endorsements from two Boyle County residents. **Brigadier General Howard P. Hunt III, USAF (Ret.)**, describes it as “a valuable resource for veterans seeking healing, renewed purpose, and a deeper relationship with God.” **Aprile Hunt**, a military spouse and former director of the Kentucky Prayer Coalition, writes, “These pages offer an invitation to encounter His healing presence.”

While we honor the sacrifices of those who served, we must also remember that some veterans continue carrying burdens long after their military service has ended.

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SUMMARY: Military service shapes lives in profound ways, but some experiences leave wounds that remain long after the uniform comes off. ***Beyond the Mission: Encountering God for Healing and Hope After Military Service*** offers veterans and those who love them a compassionate invitation to discover healing, renewed purpose, and a deeper relationship with Father God.

Written by an Air Force veteran and former military spouse, this Christ-centered book explores identity, deeply rooted beliefs, emotional and spiritual wounds, forgiveness, rest, and belonging. Through Scripture, personal reflection, prayers, and guided encounters with God, readers are encouraged to examine what they have carried beyond military service, encounter His healing love, and discover freedom, hope, and renewed purpose through Jesus Christ.