

## Florida Women Veterans Advisory Council

The FWVAC consists of ten advisors throughout the state of Florida who will recommend, plan, and facilitate events, which enhance a positive image of women veterans throughout each of their regions.

We will be reaching out to your office for support to meet the needs of women veterans. We hope, together, we can normalize the experiences of women who have served in the military through education of the public and accurate representation in the media.

Our mission is to ensure that you, the women veterans of Florida, have equitable access to federal and state veterans' benefits and services. The Florida Women Veterans Program serves to educate and inform women veterans of their benefits and services, and advocate on their behalf by:

- ◆ Creating public awareness
- ◆ Recognizing and honoring women veterans
- ◆ Identifying needs and making legislative recommendations
- ◆ Providing assistances to women who served in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces, and who are discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Working from the Fact Finding Committee Report, the Advisor will address these four women veterans issues

- ◆ Homeless
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Nursing Home
- ◆ Public Policy



Improving the lives of Women Veterans

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The Florida Women Veteran Advisory Council's (FWVAC) mission is to provide an avenue in which all women veterans will be informed of and encouraged to utilize their benefits to improve their quality of life, education, healthcare, employment, and training for Florida's Women Veterans and their families.

### Executive Team

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Escambia	Jackson	Madison	Baker	Marion	Citrus	Polk	Indian River	Sarasota	Monroe
Santa Rosa	Calhoun	Taylor	St. John	Volusia	Hernando	Osceola	Saint Lucie	Charlotte	Broward
Okaloosa	Gulf	Hamilton	Flagler	Seminole	Pasco	De soto	Martin	Lee	Miami Dade
Holmes	Gadsen	Suwannee	Nassau	Sumter	Pinellas	Highland	Palm Beach	Collier	
Walton	Leon	Lafayette	Duval	Lake	Hillsborough	Okeechobee	Brevard	Hendry	
Washington	Wakulla	Dixie	Clay		Manatee	Orange		Glades	
Bay	Franklin	Columbia	Putnam			Hardee			
	Jefferson	Gilchrist							
	Liberty	Levy							
		Union							
		Bradford							
		Alachua							



**Volunteer Women Veteran Council Requirements:**

- ◆ Be a veteran
- ◆ Advocate for women veterans
- ◆ Serve as a public representative for the Council within their community