#### **ORGANIZATION**

#### NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

2020-22 National District Council Member #8

2014-18 National Appointed Certified Recruiter Trainer

#### **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

2022-23 Audit Committee Member

2017-20 Southern Conference Treasurer

#### **DEPARTMENT**

2022-23 Department Secretary

2018-20 Department Treasurer

2017-18 Department President

2016-17 Sr. Vice President

2015-16 Chaplain

2014-15 Conductress

2013-14 Guard

2022-23 Director of Dept Chairman

2019-20 Director of District Presidents

2016-17 Ways & Means Chairman

2015-16 Membership Chairman

2014-15 Veterans & Family Support (V&FS)
Program Chairman

2013-17 Audit Committee

2015-17 Budget Committee

#### **DISTRICT**

2023, 19-20 President

2022-23, 12-15 Sr. Vice President

2023-present Chief of Staff

2020-21, 12-16 Trustee

2015-16 Membership Chairman

2014-15 Hospital Chairman

2013-14 Americanism Chairman

2012-13 V&FS Chairman

2011-12 Cancer Aid & Research Chairman

#### **AUXILIARY**

2022-present, 18-19, 12-14 President

2015-20 Treasurer

2016-18, 14-15 Secretary

2011-13 Cancer Aid and Research Chairman

2011-12 Jr. Vice President

2011-12 Trustee

#### OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary Life Member
- Disable American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary Life Member
- VFW National Home for Children, Life Member
- National Contract Managers Association (NCMA) Life Member
- International Cost Estimating and Analysis Association (ICEAA)

#### UNWAVERING SUPPORT



"You can achieve anything you want in life if you have the courage to dream it, the intelligence to make a realistic plan, and the will to see that plan through to the end."

-Sidney A. Friedman

# The Department of Alabama Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

## **Proudly Endorses**



## **Donna Howell**

Candidate for
National Guard
at the
2024 National Convention

# DEPT of ALABAMA ENDORSEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Department of Alabama, voted to endorse Sister Donna Howell as their candidate for National Guard during their June 2023 Convention. As the 2023-24 Department President, I am pleased to present our endorsed candidate to the delegation of our organization.

I have said to the Department of Alabama and say to you, if Past National President, Sandy Germany were with us today, you would be reading a statement from her. Sandy mentored and encouraged Donna to prepare for this position as long as she has been a member. Sandy knew Donna had the "fire and drive" to dedicate a life of service to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Sandy supported Donna through every office, and all levels leading to National Guard. If you knew Sandy, you know that is a high honor to have her backing!

I have worked alongside Donna, as a member of Lanier-Hines VFW Post 4190 Auxiliary in Decatur, AL for many years. Her dedication and love for our organization is above reproach. I personally endorse Donna as someone who works beside her almost daily for our Post home as well.

We ask for your vote and support of our Sister and Candidate, Donna Howell for National Guard in 2024-2025.

Patsy Cole, PDP President 2022-23 Kathy Rowe, PDP Secretary, 2022-23



My husband, Ronald Howell, U.S. Navy, Retired; Vietnam



My grandfather J.L. Holladay, U.S. Navy Veteran, World War I

#### **PERSONAL BIO**

- 1989 Athens University, Athens AL, Bachelor of Science, Business Major
- 1984 Calhoun College, Decatur, AL, Associates Applied Science, Computer Science Major

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I joined the VFW Auxiliary under the eligibility of my deceased husband Ronald, Vietnam Veteran, US Navy, Retired. I have the support of my family, my Auxiliary, my District and the endorsement of the Great State of Alabama.

After 35+ years, I retired in 2017 as a Contracts Manager, managing government contracts. I am currently the President for VFW Post 4190 Auxiliary. I am also co-chairman for the VFW 4190 Post/Auxiliary Wreaths across America program. I am honored to serve as Secretary or Treasurer at any level for Alabama's Auxiliary.

Through my affiliations both professional and personal I have experience and knowledge to fulfill the commitment of this next journey.

I understand the duties, requirements, and responsibilities of being a National Officer. Past National President Sandy Germany was a wonderful mentor and friend. Sandy provided mentoring and guidance throughout my years as a Department officer and was instrumental in preparing me to seek a National office. As one of "Dee's Gentle Giants," Past National President Dee Guillory encouraged us to move forward in our endeavors. I am devoted to the VFW and VFW Auxiliary. It is my desire to continue serving our organization and its members. If elected as National Guard I will serve you with pride and commitment.