

Professional Experience:

Joyce has worked the past 35 years in the prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder & child abuse.

Joyce is currently participating in the creation, planning, funding development and implementation of the first ever Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center where she works as the Director of Client Services. www.hopethriveshere.org.

Her professional experience includes counseling survivors, program development & implementation, training, curricula development, grant writing, marketing, video producing, conference planning and public speaking (including keynote speaker and trainer for many conferences and workshop).

Joyce attended Roseville High School, Spokane Falls Community College and Gonzaga University. She is a Certified Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Counselor and a Training Specialist.

Public Service:

Joyce's community service has included participation on:

- Sacramento County's Domestic Violence Death Review Team
- Sacramento County's Domestic Violence Prevention Collaboration
- Sacramento County's Children's Coalition
- Sacramento County Crime Alert Board
- Charter member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
- Lifetime Advocate of the American Ex-Prisoners of War – 49er Chapter
- Founder and leader of Sacramento VOICES
- And other community collaborative



**ONE PERSON
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE,
AND
EVERYONE
SHOULD
TRY.....**

-John F. Kennedy

Awards

Recipient of the "Gold Panner" Award from the American Ex-Prisoners of War

Received the Soroptomist International "Distinguished Outstanding Service to Women" Award

Awarded the Sacramento County Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative "Outstanding Lifetime Achievement"

Participated in the Domestic Violence Documentary titled: "We Made It Though the Rain"

VFW Auxiliary

*Outstanding" Auxiliary President

*Awarded the "Outstanding" of the Outstanding District Presidents

*Outstanding Department President



California
"The Golden State"

**Unanimously
Endorses**

Joyce A. Bilyeu



**Candidate for
VFW Auxiliary
National Guard
2018-2019**

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Eligibility and Support

Joyce joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1994 through the eligibility of her father Dick Bilyeu. Her father served 20 years in the U. S. Army with 31/2 years as a POW and survivor of the Bataan Death March. He is also the author of the book titled “Lost in Action”, a term used to account for Soldiers last seen in combat but not identified as killed or captured.

Joyce lives in Antelope Ca near her mother and siblings. She has 5 brothers (four whom served) and one sister. All are members of either the VFW or Auxiliary. Joyce also has several uncles and cousins who have served along with nieces and nephews. In addition, Joyce’s grandson Jake is currently serving in the U.S. Army.

Joyce is the proud mother of two children, Eric and Brandie. Eric served in the U.S. Army and both are members of the VFW and Auxiliary. In addition Joyce has 8 amazing grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joyce has dedicated her life to not only promoting awareness & education on issues of violence and all victimization but for veterans (in particular those who were/are Prisoners of War and to those who are still Missing in Action).

It is her commitment to her father, and those who have and are serving this great nation to ensure that they are not forgotten.



Joyce’s Service

to the VFW Auxiliary, Veterans, and their Families include:

Auxiliary Service:

Proud life member of VFW Auxiliary 4647 for over 20 years.

- Served many Offices and Program Chairmanships leading to Auxiliary President
- POW/MIA Chairman for over 20 years
- Life member of the National Home for Children
- Earned Outstanding Auxiliary President Award

District Service:

- Served many Offices and Program Chairmanships leading to District President
- Member of the District Past Presidents Club
- Earned Outstanding District President Award

Department Service:

- Department President in 2011-2012
Served many Department Offices
- Served as Department Chairman for many VFW Auxiliary Programs and received several National 1st Place Recognition
- Earned Outstanding Department President Award



National Service

to the VFW Auxiliary Includes:

- ✓ 2011-2012 National Convention appointments:
 - Presentation of Past National Presidents
 - Served as National Banner Bearer pro-tem
 - Selected to post the POW/MIA Flag
- ✓ 2013-2014: National Historian Director
- ✓ 2014-2015: National Americanism Ambassador and selected to represent the VFWAUX by participation in the VFW Annual Bataan Death March Marathon Memorial in White Sands New Mexico.
- ✓ 2015-2016: National Membership Ambassador (*leading the country to 101+% in membership for the first time in 23 years*).
- ✓ National 2016-2017: Scholarships Ambassador and served as a chaperone to 53 students as they gathered in Washington DC.
- ✓ Provided “Strength-Based” and “Conflict Resolution” Training at a National Sr. Vice Conference.

