

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)



“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

PERSONAL BIO

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.

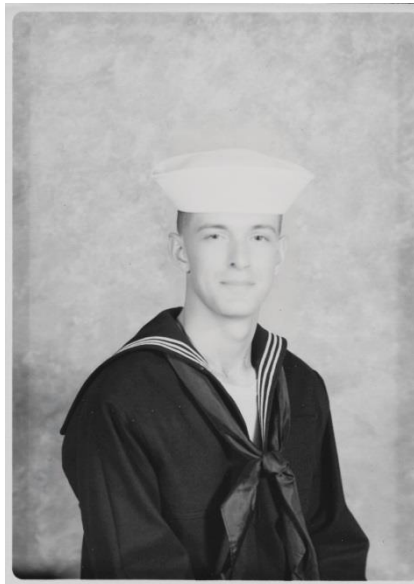
I have said to the Department of Alabama and say to you, if Past National President, Sandy Germany were with us today, you would be reading a statement from her. Sandy mentored and encouraged Donna to prepare for this position as long as she has been a member. Sandy knew Donna had the “fire and drive” 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

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

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.