

**Professional Experience:**

Professionally, Joyce has worked in the field of social services since 1978 providing services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and elder & child abuse. She currently works as Director of the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center.

Joyce attended Roseville High School, Spokane Falls Community College, and Gonzaga University. She is a Certified Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Counselor and serves as part of the training faculty for the Alliance for Hope International Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention.

**Public Service:**

Joyce is very active in her community serving on several boards and committees such as:

- VFW Auxiliary 4647 Life Member
- Charter Member DAVA Auxiliary
- Lifetime advocate for the American POW/MIA 49er Chapter
- Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children
- Sacramento County District Attorneys Domestic Violence Death Review Team
- Sacramento County Domestic Violence Prevention Collaboration
- Founder and leader of Sacramento VOICES
- Sacramento District Attorneys Voices for Victims Coalition
- Supporter of the Girls Scout of America



**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 Soroptimist 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”*

**Endorses**

**Joyce A. Bilyeu**



***Candidate for***

**VFW Auxiliary  
National Guard  
2022-2023**

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## ELIGIBILITY

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 3 1/2 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 five brothers (four whom served) and one sister. All are members of either the VFW or Auxiliary. Joyce also has several uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews who have served our country. Additionally, her grandson, Jake is a US Army Iraq Veteran and member of VFW Post 4647.

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/or Auxiliary. Joyce has eight amazing grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

It is her commitment to her father, and those who have and are serving this great nation to ensure they are never forgotten.



## AUXILIARY SERVICE

### AUXILIARY

Proud life member of VFW Auxiliary 4647 for over 27 years.

- Held many offices and program chairmanships leading to **Auxiliary President**
- POW/MIA Chairman for over 24 years
- **Earned Outstanding Auxiliary President Award**

### DISTRICT

- Held many offices and program chairmanships leading to **District President**
- Member of District 17 Past Presidents Club
- **Earned Outstanding (of the Outstanding), District Presidents Special Award**

### DEPARTMENT

- **Department President (2011-2012)**
- Held many offices and program chairmanships and received several National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Recognition Awards
- **Earned Outstanding Department President**



## NATIONAL SERVICE

1. **National Convention Appointments (2011-2012)**
  - *Presentation of PNP*
  - *National Banner Bearer*
  - *Post the first POW/MIA Flag*
2. **National Historian Director (2013-2014)**
3. **National Americanism Ambassador (2014-2015)** *(and selected to represent the VFWAUX by participation in the VFW Annual Bataan Death March Marathon Memorial in White Sands, New Mexico).*
4. **National Membership Ambassador (2015-2016)** *(leading the country to 101+percentage in membership for the first time in 23 years).*
5. **National Scholarships Ambassador (2016-2017)** *(and had the honor to serve as a chaperone to 53 students as they gathered in Wash. DC.*
6. **National Council Area G (2018/2019 & 2020/2021)**
7. **National Strategic Planning Committee** *(assisted in creating the core values, mission, and vision for the National Organization).*
8. **Presented Training** *(on “Strength-Based” and “Conflict Resolution” at a National Sr. Vice Conference).*