

# WVU NEWS



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## EVENTS

### WVU AUGUST GATHERING!

**Date:** August 21st

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** American Legion, Sauls  
Bridges at Lake Ella

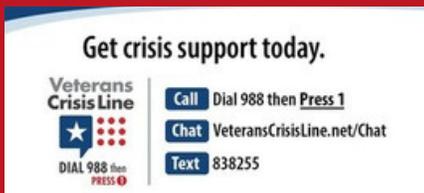
### Holiday Gathering!

**Date:** Thursday, December 18th

**Location:** Holiday Inn Tallahassee E Capitol - Univ  
2003 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

## LOCAL RESOURCES

- Florida Veterans Benefits Book Edition 2025
- Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA)
- Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles



## President's Message

*Serving, Supporting, and Strengthening Our Sisterhood*

Dear Members,

As we move through the second half of the year, our momentum remains strong. The Women Veterans Conference was a resounding success, and the energy from our time together continues to inspire new projects, stronger connections, and expanded community engagement.

Your involvement is what fuels our mission. Whether through volunteering, attending events, or lending your voice to discussions, every contribution helps us lift one another up and build a lasting legacy of support for women who have served.

Respectfully,

Audrey Alexander

## Conference Photo Album is Live!

We're excited to share that photos from the Women Veterans Conference have been uploaded to our WVU Facebook page. Photos posted on Facebook are courtesy of Maria Renzulli – capturing powerful moments and beautiful memories. Be sure to tag yourself and share with your friends and family!



## New Logo Announcement

Women Veterans Unite unveiled a refreshed logo at the Conference which will go live on October 1, 2025. This change reflects our growth, renewed vision, and continued commitment to representing the strength and diversity of women who have served. Watch our social media channels for the big reveal!

For more info, visit [www.womenveteransunite.com](http://www.womenveteransunite.com)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WVU!

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**eBoard Meeting**  
(August 19th)

**Monthly Meeting**  
(August 21st)

**Web Store for Members**

<https://womenveteransunite.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

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*WVU Newsletter submission Deadline is the 15th of every month*

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## Committee Corner

**Budget & Finance** – Facilitated the first-ever in-person budget workshop for committee chairs.

**Communications** – Unveiled our refreshed logo during the Women Veterans Conference to reflect our evolving mission and identity. The new logo will be effective for all branding and communications beginning the upcoming fiscal year.

**Community Outreach** – Established a new community outreach protocol to streamline engagement efforts.

**Hospitality** – Thanks to Carrabba's Italian Grill for providing a delicious dinner at numerous meetings this fiscal year.

**Membership** – We welcomed several new members over the summer! If you know a woman veteran in the Tallahassee area who could benefit from our network, invite her to join us.

**Nominations & Elections** – Facilitated a fair and transparent elections for President and Secretary. This committee is dedicated to upholding an inclusive and unbiased process—making sure every member has a voice.

**National Observances** – We're excited to announce that the WVU 2026 Calendar is currently in development—and we want to feature YOU! This is your opportunity to briefly share YOUR story! The WVU 2026 Calendar is in the design stage and we need your help. If you would like the calendar to feature you with a photo and your brief biography (bio), please respond to [nurselc30@yahoo.com](mailto:nurselc30@yahoo.com) before Saturday, August 24th. Your response to this email will prompt the National Observance Committee (NOC) to contact you for a brief phone or in-person interview. Please be sure to include your phone number and the best time to reach you.

**Special Events** – Work continues on our remaining events for this fiscal year and for the 2026 Annual Calendar to include the fall/spring retreats, holiday gathering and much more!

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## The Right to Vote

Submitted by Marianne Scholer

"The ratification of the 19th Amendment on August 26th, 1920 --- granting women throughout the US the right to vote -- should have been sufficient to give ALL US women the privilege of suffrage. But Native American women did not gain citizenship until 1924; and African American and Latina women were effectively disenfranchised until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Still - we celebrate August 26 as Women's Equality Day, because the delivery of the right to vote made possible even more advances in equality for women in the decades that followed.

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