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January Newsletter | New Year • Renewed Purpose • Continued Unity

LOCAL RESOURCES

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



Celebrating Community at Our Annual Holiday Gathering

As we step into a new year, we are still carrying the joy, warmth, and sisterhood from our Annual Women Veterans Unite Holiday Gathering. This beautiful celebration reminded us why WVU exists—to connect, uplift, and empower women veterans through shared experiences, fellowship, and collective care.

From laughter and storytelling to heartfelt moments of reflection, the gathering was a true expression of our community's strength. It was a space where service was honored, bonds were strengthened, and gratitude filled the room. Thank you to every woman veteran, supporter, and volunteer who helped make this event so special.

Click on the link to view photos from the Fall Retreat - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1c4rOmwQOb-5OAKwn46eBOoEXG-d2Rvkn?usp=share_link

Message from Leadership

As we begin January, we do so grounded in gratitude and vision. Women Veterans Unite continues to grow because of the commitment, resilience, and heart of this community. The new year brings renewed opportunities to advocate, serve, and build spaces where women veterans feel seen, supported, and celebrated.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. We look forward to another year of meaningful impact and collective strength.

Looking Ahead: January Focus

- January 10th FDVA Women Veterans Expo in Gainesville, FL
- January 15th WVU Meeting at American Legion

Goodwood Muesuem Exhibit Details

Admission is free for our organization's members.
Dates: January 8, 2026 – February 28, 2026
Tour Days: Tuesday through Saturday
Tour Times: 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.



Notable Events – January 2026 by Marianne Scholer

Three trailblazing events can be celebrated in January – discoveries that have shaped our understanding of the universe, revolutionized our leisure time and brought the term “transatlantic” into the popular lexicon.

On January 1, 1925, astronomer Edwin Hubble announced the discovery of galaxies outside the Milky Way. Until this groundbreaking revelation, prevailing wisdom held that the universe was static and finite. findings also demonstrated that our universe far surpassed its earlier estimated size, and equally amazing, our universe undergoes continuous expansion.

A year later, on January 27, 1926, Scottish engineer and inventor John Logie Baird demonstrated the world's first working television in Soho London. Although Baird based his television on the work of German scientist Paul Nipkow, who patented his ideas for a complete television system in 1884, Baird was the first who ultimately achieved the milestone of producing clear and distinguishable images, a significant breakthrough in television technology.

Finally, on January 22, 1970, Boeing's first 747 Jumbo jet completed its inaugural transatlantic passenger flight, carrying more than twice as many passengers as Boeing's next largest plane. The increase in fuel efficiency reduced the cost per seat, opening the world to jet travel. Moreover, first class guests were treated to linen napkins and tablecloths, china plates and crystal vases, with real flowers. Despite predictions that it would be superseded by supersonic flight, the 747 “ruled the skies” for more than half a century.

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