

WVU NEWS



WOMEN VETERANS UNITE

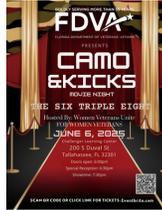
June 2025
Edition 16

EVENTS WVU JUNE GATHERING!

Date: 6/19/2025

Time: 6:30pm

Location: AMERICAN LEGION,
SAULS BRIDGES AT LAKE ELLA



FDVA Women Veterans Conference!

Dates: 6/6/2025 - 6/7/2025

Click link for more info and to RSVP.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/florida-department-of-veteran-affairs-19349599658>

LOCAL RESOURCES

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

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Making connections at the Standdown

Photos courtesy of Maria Renzulli

On May 16th and 17th, the turnout of female veterans at the 2025 Standdown was truly impressive. The ladies of Women Veterans Unite (WVU) made the most of the opportunity to promote both the organization and the upcoming FDVA Women Veterans Conference. Many of the women who visited the WVU table expressed their excitement at discovering a local organization dedicated to supporting women veterans. Several were equally enthusiastic about the upcoming Camo & Kicks red carpet event and the Women Veterans P.A.C.T. Conference, which focuses on Prospering, Affirming, Connecting, and Transforming. (Bottom left photos) Tifany Hill, Public Information Officer, creating partnerships.



(Top photo) WVU member, Lynn Jones, sharing information about the Organization. (Bottom photo) WVU member, Brooklyn Enders, Volunteered as an announcer for the 2025 Standdown.



For more info, visit www.womenveteransunite.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WVU!

E-BOARD MEETING

(May 17th)

Member Gathering

(May 19th)

Web Store for Members

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

Elections for President and Secretary

WVU NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES IS THE 15th OF EVERY MONTH

The Perfect Pitch!

VyStar chose WVU member Kimberly Homer (USMC) to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the UF Military Appreciation Day softball game on May 3, 2025 as part of their Honor Your Hero program. Vystar representatives David Bulley, Cindy Michel, and Claire guided Kim and her friends through the ceremony. Kim's mother Eleanor Homer and WVU members Ritaann Schultz and Karen Bauer cheered her on as she threw the pitch. The 7th ranked UF Gators played the #1 ranked Oklahoma Sooners in a nail biting NCAA Division I game broadcast on ESPN. The crowd erupted as the Gators held off a late push by the Sooners to win 6-4.



National PTSD Awareness Month

Submitted by Marianne Scholer

"National PTSD Awareness Month is also celebrated in June to raise awareness about this mental health condition that has often had a devastating impact on the veteran community. It was during the Vietnam War that PTSD's effect on returning combat veterans became more clearly understood, challenging what was often a post-wartime stigma. PTSD Awareness Month encourages open conversations about mental health and raises awareness about support available. For further insight, see link: [PTSD Awareness Day](https://nationaltoday.com/national-today-calendar/) published by <https://nationaltoday.com/national-today-calendar/>"

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