

WVU NEWS



September 2025

Edition 17

EVENT

WVU September Gathering

Date: September 18

Time: 6:30pm

Location: American Legion,
Sauls Bridges at Lake Ella

Save-the-Date

Fall Retreat - October 17 & 18 at At Ease. Please submit the registration form to Treasurer Shirley Combass (treasurerwvu@gmail.com by October 3, 2025 to confirm your participation.

Holiday Gathering - December 18 at Holiday Inn

LOCAL RESOURCES

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



Camo & Kicks: A Red-Carpet Evening Honoring Women Veterans

Photos courtesy of Maria Renzullil and Cindy Bennett

The Camo & Kicks red-carpet affair was a powerful and inspiring evening that celebrated the service and sacrifice of women veterans. Held in honor of their dedication, the event featured a screening of the Six Triple Eight documentary and included a moving award ceremony recognizing Purple Heart recipient Wileen Footman for her extraordinary bravery during her deployment to Afghanistan.

During the ceremony, Wileen Footman—Tallahassee native and U.S. Army veteran—shared heartfelt reflections on her combat experience and the events that led to her receiving one of the military's highest honors. Her words resonated deeply with all in attendance, offering a rare and personal glimpse into the life of a woman warrior.

The evening also celebrated the upcoming launch of a new women veterans' magazine, set to debut in Fall 2025, which will feature Wileen Footman as the cover story. Her journey, leadership, and resilience will be spotlighted as part of a broader effort to elevate and honor the stories of women who served.

Camo & Kicks was more than an event—it was a moment of recognition, sisterhood, and gratitude.

(Right Photos) A patriotic quilt was presented to Ms. Wileen Footman, and conference attendees enjoyed the Camos & Kicks event.

A special thank-you goes to the amazing planning committee who worked tirelessly to make the Women Veterans Conference a success, as well as to all the sponsors/vendors who donated and shared valuable information and free goodies. For more highlights, visit the WVU Facebook page where member Ms. Kimberly Homer has posted additional photos.



For more info, visit www.womenveteransunite.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WVU!

Thank You to Our Supporters!

**eBoard Meeting
(September 16th)**

A big thank-you to **Carrabba's Italian Grill** for providing the meal at our June Gathering—this marks their fourth month in a row of donations! Be sure to thank the manager next time you visit.

**Member Gathering
(September 18th)**

We're also grateful to the **Tallahassee Police Department** for providing and serving a wonderful dinner at our August event. Your support is truly appreciated!

Patriot Day & National Day of Service and Remembrance

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Submitted by Marianne Scholer

On September 11, 2001, 19 terrorists associated with the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda conducted a series of airline hijackings and suicide attacks, including destruction of the World Trade Center towers in New York City and damage to the Pentagon. Nearly 3000 people were killed, making it the deadliest terrorist attack on US soil. Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the attacks, was hunted by US Special Forces and killed on May 2, 2011, in Abbottabad, Pakistan.



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