



Melissa Martin

Candidate for Dept. Guard

2021-2022

My name is Melissa Martin and I am currently a Life Member of Auxiliary 9399, Superstition Mountain, in Apache Junction. I joined the VFW Auxiliary, eight years ago, under the eligibility of my Dad, Bill Jenson, a Marine combat veteran of both Korea and Vietnam.

I originally joined the Auxiliary at Post 7968, also in Apache Junction, where I volunteered served as both Chaplain and Hospital Chairman for five years. I also volunteered in the Canteen and kitchen for several years.

While at 7968 I met a wonderful comrade, Jason Walker, the Post Quartermaster, whom I married last year and am enjoying this new phase of my life with him and my three daughters, Nicole, Emily and Molly. With their full support, love and encouragement I hope to embark on a new path with the Dept. of Arizona.

As a retired nurse, supporting our veterans in hospital situations has been a natural devotion for me, and I have served as the VAVS Representative for Phoenix Region 2 for the past three years, as well as the Dept Hospital Chairman for the 2020-2021 year.

My passion for women veterans was the inspiration for several projects over my time with the Auxiliary. I am most proud of the Baby Shower to benefit women veterans, held last year, that raised more than \$3,000 in baby items and women's essentials.

I have been the District 10 President since the 2019-2020 year. I have had the pleasure to welcome and work with our newest Auxiliary in Maricopa. I enjoy working with our Comrades towards our mutual goals.

The experience I have gained during the past eight years, I feel has enabled me to mentor others, be a strong leader and think outside the box on ways to enrich our programs and membership. I feel that I am now ready to begin a new path as Dept. Guard, working with both existing line officers and our PDPs.

<i>Auxiliary Chaplain</i>	<i>Auxiliary 7968</i>	<i>5 Years</i>
<i>Auxiliary Hospital Chairman</i>	<i>Auxiliary 7968</i>	<i>5 Years</i>
<i>District President</i>	<i>District 10</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>VAVS Rep. Phoenix Region 2</i>	<i>Dept. of Arizona</i>	<i>2 Years</i>
<i>Hospital Chairman</i>	<i>Dept. of Arizona</i>	<i>1 Year</i>

I am asking for your support and vote, as I embark on this new direction of dedication and service to our Auxiliary, our veterans and our communities. Thank you.