

**TRI-COUNTY
WOMEN
VETERANS**

October NEWSLETTER

Tri-County Women Veterans, Inc.



We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization

Our next TCWV meeting General Membership Meeting

Open to all TCWV members (villagers/non-villagers)

NOTE: DATE CHANGE

LOCATION:

**Rohan Recreation Center
850 Kristine Way
The Villages, FL 34785**

**Event Date: October 26, 2026
Event Time - 11:00am - 1:00pm
Doors Open at 10:30am**

Please go to the TCWV website to register to attend.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

www.tricountywomenveterans.org

Thank you.

REMINDER: RSVP no later than October 24, 2026

Visit our Website to register for Meeting

Sign Up to volunteer at Meeting

MISSION STATEMENT

**We are women Veterans working toward increasing our visibility
through education and participation with other groups.**

We foster camaraderie through social and community activities and events.

We enrich the lives of women veterans and others in our community through our wellness program, volunteer service and financial support.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TRI-COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS

[Visit our Website](#)

From the President NEWS YOU CAN USE

Greetings, TCWV Sisters, Ambassadors, and Supporters!

October is a wonderful month for TCWV—a time to **serve, connect, honor, and celebrate**. As women veterans, we understand the meaning of service and the strength that comes from standing together. We also recognize the **U.S. Navy Birthday on October 13**, honoring the proud tradition and service of those who have worn the Navy uniform. TCWV has an exciting month ahead, with opportunities for fellowship, community engagement, fundraising, creativity, and fun. Some, but not all include:

- **October 2 — AVID HBOT Fundraiser**
- **October 10 — Trivia Night Fundraiser**
- **October 14 — A Heroes Tribute**
- **October 16 — Fashion Show**
- **October 20 — Art Therapy**
- **October 31 — Halloween Party** 🎃

I encourage everyone to participate, bring a friend, and help make October a month to remember.

Every member, every volunteer, and every contribution helps make TCWV stronger.

Interested in joining us? Scroll down for event details and ways to participate!

Together, we serve. Together, we support. Together, we thrive.

With gratitude and continued service,

Betsy

✨ *Stay connected, stay engaged, and stay empowered through all of October's events and celebrations. Your participation is what keeps TCWV strong and spirited!* ✨

TRI-COUNTY WOMEN ☆☆☆ VETERANS

DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Who was the first female in 1967 to be sent to a combat zone after volunteering for duty in Vietnam?

Answer at the bottom of the newsletter.



We are excited to announce the following new members:

New members for September:
Susan Perry, USAF
Catherine Simpson, USN
Majorie Fada, USAF (returning member)
Diana Dean, Army (returning member)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are ever so thankful for how our sisterhood continues to grow. In the month of August we welcomed 5 new members from across the services. We are over 430 strong! We encourage everyone to introduce yourselves and share insights about our current TCWV projects.

Welcome aboard, we are glad to have you are with us.

Looking forward to getting to know you!
Kasi Pirkey - VP1
Jo-Ann Rosa - Membership

Flight Of Recognition Invest in Those Who Served

The Tri-County Women Veterans **Flight of Recognition** is planned for mid-October 2028, within the October 16–20 timeframe —a **historic three-day, two-night journey honoring 150 TCWV women veterans** of all ages for their courage, sacrifice, and service to our nation.



This is more than a trip. It is a tribute to women who answered the call to serve, an opportunity to recognize their contributions, and a powerful reminder that their service matters.

Through this journey, TCWVs will create lasting memories, strengthen connections, and ensure these women know that their communities are grateful for the freedoms they helped protect.

This journey belongs to all of us.

I encourage every woman planning to participate to get involved in our fundraising efforts, attend events, share our mission, and help spread the word.

Every contribution brings us one step closer to making this historic journey a reality for all 150 women veterans. Together, we can make this a journey to remember and honor the service of every woman who served our nation

**Help us honor
their past,
celebrate their
present, and
inspire their future.**

Interested in sponsoring this historic trip, making a donation, or having a Tri-County Women Veterans member speak to you or your organization?

**Contact Sue Roper at
usnodu@aol.com.**

*Even if you don't
volunteer, please
come to Belle Glade
and Socialize with
us! All are welcome.
We want to get to
know you.*

***We do not play Trivia-we
are only there to sell raffle
tickets.**



**Belle Glade
Country Club
Cash Raffle**

TCWV Cash Raffle only

Volunteer for Cash Raffle at Wednesday Trivia Night

DINE TO DONATE

Dine and Donate

TRI-COUNTY
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Support
Tri-County Women
Veterans



1635 Palmer Wy,
The Villages, FL

Tuesday
October 6th
11 am - 8 pm

Write
"Women Vets"
on your Check

Donate \$5 and
Palmer
Legends
Country Club
will give you a
\$10 Voucher
for your next
visit

20%

of your food bill will be
donated to
Tri-County Women Veterans

www.tricountywomenveterans.org

Save-the-Dates

Go to the TCWV website to sign up for these events
or use the links provided
www.tricountywomenveterans.org

SPECIAL EVENT FUNDRAISERS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HONEYBAKED Ham Tri-County Women Veterans, Inc. Fundraising Event

NOW THROUGH DEC. 31, 2026

Purchase HoneyBaked Ham Gift Cards and 20% of every purchase supports Tri-County Women Veterans Flight of Recognition

Just go to www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/Tri-County_Women_Veterans

You can use your HoneyBaked Gift Card to shop online or in-store at any HoneyBaked location nationwide. And the most satisfying part? 20% of your purchase goes directly to support and honor women veterans.

Tri-County Women Veterans (TCWV) is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization comprised of more than 400 women veterans in Central Florida.

Thank your family to a delicious HoneyBaked Ham and support TCWV with every purchase. 20% of your gift card purchase will go toward honoring women veterans and celebrating their significant contributions to our nation's defense.

Together, we can ensure that the service and sacrifice of our 350 women veterans on the flight are recognized, celebrated, and never forgotten.

TRI-COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS
2590 Burned Elm St. 320, The Villages, Florida 32163
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tricountywomenveterans.org

Quilt Raffle to benefit Wreaths Across America

WIN A 42.5" X 61" HANDMADE QUILT

TICKETS
ONE FOR \$5
FIVE FOR \$20

HANDCRAFTED BY KATHY MONTGOMERY, U.S. NAVY RETIRED

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT TCWV POKER RUN at Belle Glade Country Club 446 Moyer Loop, The Villages

NOV | 27th | 2026

You do not need to be present to WIN!



"Remember Me"
Wreaths Across
America
Less than 90 days to
sponsor your wreath!

[Sponsor link](#)



Trivia Night & Basket Raffle

[Sign Up to
Volunteer](#)

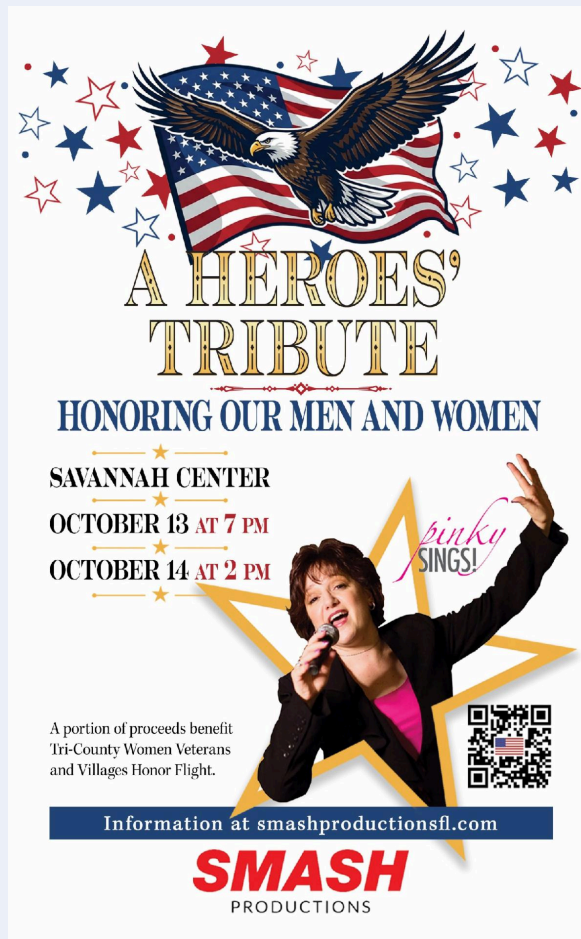
Fundraiser to benefit
**TCWV Flight of
Recognition**

See the flyer for more
details and to register
online at:

www.tricountywomenveterans.org

or you can scan the
code on the flyer to
register.

[Tickets](#)



Register for Art Therapy Wellness Event

This Paint & Sip is FREE for TCWV veterans & Ambassadors. Guest \$25
When registering for event be sure to select the design you plan to paint.



Fall Raccoon



Candy Cane Mouse

Tri-County Women Veterans
Art Therapy Wellness Event
***Must RSVP by 10.12.26**
 TCWV Veterans & Ambassadors free
 Guests (non- TCWV members) are \$25
***everyone must register in advance and select a design**
-all canvases are pre-drawn

You can scan code here or go to
tricountynomenveterans.org

Date: October 20, 2026
 Time: 1:30pm-3:30pm
 Place: American Legion 18
 401 E Gulf Atlantic Hwy
 Wildwood, FL 34785



Scan Code



BOO



Grinch

Volunteer

You're invited to a
Portillo's
 FUNDRAISER



Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:
Tri-County Women Veterans

When:	at the Portillo's located at:
October 22, 2026	2283 Dr Randy McDaniel Wy
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Sumterville, FL

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS113** before checkout in the "Coupon Code" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, kiosk, and in restaurant orders.

Portillo's
 FOR GOOD
portillos.com/community

For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.



SOUP OFF

Soup Off sponsored by The Salvation Army. Friday, October 23rd, 4 - 8 PM. Savannah Center. Cost: \$40. One table seats 10 people. Come try soups from 9 different restaurants and vote for your favorite one. Other activities also available.

[Register Here](#)

To purchase a ticket, click tab here or go to our website for a link. BUT, you must also RSVP on our website so that Joan knows who has signed up which she needs to know in order to arrange for you all to sit together. Deadline to sign up is October 1st. **This events sells out early.** Sign up today!

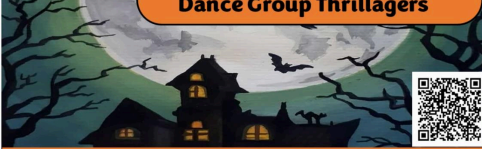
POC: Joan Wentz, 618-979-5569
 or jwentz1946@aol.com



HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME CONTEST

For Tickets

Volunteer



HALLOWEEN PARTY

\$10 Per Person

To Buy Tickets go to
www.tricountywomenveterans.org/events
To benefit the TCWV 2027 Expo

 Saturday Oct. 31, 2026
Doors Open at 4:30 pm

 American Legion Post 18
401 E Gulf Atlantic Hwy, Wildwood

Join us if you DARE!
Music/Dance – Costume Contest – Prizes – Raffles
A fun night full of spooky fun with the performance of the Horde of Zombies by the Dance Group Thrillagers

Chili Dinner Available from American Legion Post 18
Chili or Vegetarian Chili
Macaroni, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert, Water & Tea
For only \$15
No outside food or snacks. BYOB



WE CAN DO THIS!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE
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DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
**TRI-COUNTY WOMEN
VETERANS**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH | 4-8PM
508 U.S. 27/441, LADY LAKE, FL, 32159

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE KTEK77V
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

 **CHIPOTLE**

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

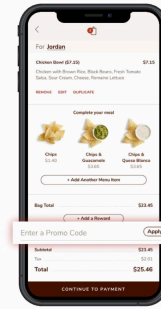
ONLINE FUNDRAISERS



Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the Chipotle App or Chipotle.com.

Please note all online orders for your fundraiser must be within your scheduled hours and only at the restaurant hosting your event.

- 1 Access the Chipotle app or order on our website.
- 2 Choose "Pickup" and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser. Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards your fundraiser.
- 3 Build your order with all your faves.
- 4 Once you're ready to place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the "Enter a Promo Code" section. Don't forget to click "Apply"
- 5 Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery). Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.



If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.

HELPFUL TIP

Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show "Fundraiser" and an amount of: \$0.00. Don't panic - this is totally normal and how we track the code in our system.

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Poker Run

Join us for a fun
afternoon of
creating the best
poker hand.



PRIZES

Proceeds go to:
Women Warrior Monument at
Veterans Memorial Park

**Friday November 27th
1 PM Start**
Poker Run Admission \$10.00
Wild Cards \$10.00.
(Only one Wild Card per person)

**Accessible by Golf Cart,
Motorcycle, Truck or Car**

Visit our website to
purchase tickets & wild cards:
tricountywomenveterans.org

POC: Terri Friend - TerriTCWV@gmail.com



Door Prizes

**\$ CASH
RAFFLE**

**Basket
Raffle**

Route: Detailed Instructions will be provided at check-in.

1. Check-in at Eisenhower Pavillion
2. Station #1 Manatee Recreation Center Pavilion
3. Station #2 Dunedin Pool Covered Mini Pavilion (behind bocce ball courts)
4. Station #3 Moyer Loop Recreation Center Pavilion
5. Station #4 Pine Ridge Pool Mini Pavilion
6. Station #5 Pine Hills Pool (by postal area, mini pavilion)
7. Finish at Belle Glade Country Club Breezeway

Please join us in the Belle Glade Country Club
Breezeway for Happy Hour until 4 pm.
Drinks and Appetizers available for purchase.

To Purchase Tickets

To Volunteer

PRESENTED BY
TRI-COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS

Women Education Conference & Expo

TRI-COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS

Seeking Sponsors
Contact Terri
territcwv@gmail.com

DATE: March 13, 2027

TIME: Conference & Expo 10:00AM - 3:00PM
Social Hour 5:00PM - 7:00PM

LOCATION: Hotel Eastport
7065 Beebe Ct
The Villages, FL 34785

Join Us for a Day of Recognition, Connection & Community
This special event will provide opportunities for fellowship, resource sharing, support and celebrating in a welcoming and empowering environment.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Guest speakers: Street Smart Safety & Nancy Stampahar
- Vendors
- Raffle Prizes
- Breakfast, Lunch, & Refreshments & evening Social Hour included
- Camaraderie
- Networking

REBUILD, RECLAIM, RISE
STRENGTH. PURPOSE. POWER.

★ **ALL ARE WELCOME** ★
Together. We Honor Women Who Served

To Register

October - November – December 2026 Potential Capers

Gainesville, The Fest: Oct 23-25
 Ocala, Fine Arts Festival: October 24
 The Villages, Hometown Halloween, Oct 25
 Mt. Dora Craft Fair: October 24-25
 Cedar Key, Pirate Invasion: October 31st – Nov 1st
 Micanopy, 51st Fall Festival, Oct 31 – Nov 1
 Downtown Clermont Harvest Fest: October 31
 Crystal River, Stone Crab Jam, Nov 7
 Mt. Dora, Pirates and Parrots Festival: Nov 7
 The Villages, Lake Sumter Art and Craft Festival, Nov 7-8
 Williston, Kirby Family Farm's Six-Gun Territory Wild West Weekend and Reunion, Nov 7-8
 Winter Park, Annual Autumn Art Festival, Nov 14 - 15
 Gainesville, Downtown Festival and Art Show, Nov 14-15
 Mt. Dora, Light up Mt. Dora: Nov 21
 Eustis, Light up Eustis, Nov 27
 The Villages, Brownwood, Tree Lighting Festival: Nov 28

The Tri-County
Women
Veterans 2025



has been updated!

Check out the Yearbook tab on our website.
tricountywomenveterans.org

**Photos & Bios
WANTED!**

**The Tri-County Women Veterans
would like to honor all of our women veterans.
If you have not sent in your bio and
photo while in uniform...**

Please send a **photo** of yourself in uniform
while in military service and also a **short 130-word bio**
for the Tri-County Women Veterans Yearbook
Send to Terri Friend at TerriTCWV@gmail.com
Or text to 314-775-9920 Thanks for all your help!
We hope to have a hard copies for sale soon!
So send your bio and photo NOW!



Honor Guard News and Activities

Thank you to our Honor Guard for your unwavering
commitment to service and to all members supporting this
mission. Your dedication reflects the very heart of TCWV.

2026 DATES

Oct 2 - A Vision for the Future of Your Health
Oct 14 - A Heroes Tribute
Nov 6 - 2026 Sumter County Service/Brick Ceremony
Nov 11 - Military Ball 2026
Dec 7 - Veterans Memorial Park Ceremony



Honor a Loved One Who Served

Pay tribute to a family member or friend who served in the U.S. Armed Services by
having a personalized brick placed at Veterans Memorial Park of The Villages.

- Cost: \$55 per brick
- How to Apply: Google "Veterans Memorial Park The Villages Brick" to obtain an application.

Leave a lasting legacy and show your appreciation for their service!



TCWV Golf Group

**ONLY open to Village
residents.**

If you are looking to
connect with other
women vets and have
some fun in the sun,
look no more...

Golf group plays various Executive/Pitch & Putt Golf courses in The Villages.

Sign Up for TCWV Golf using the link on our website!

If interested in joining this group contact:

Sandie Hayes (sandie.hayes@gmail.com),

Joan Wentz (jdomigan@aol.com) or

Kathy Starnes (kathy.starnes297@gmail.com).



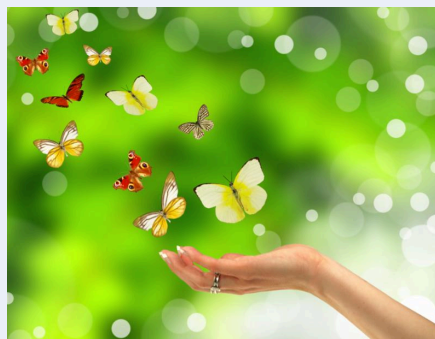
Farmers Market

*Here are a few opportunities to
volunteer to share our mission and
make new friends. Thank you.*

Volunteer for Farmers Market

HELPING HANDS

Are you a member that could use a Helping Hand? Our Helping Hands program is looking for new ways to support each other. Please reach out if you have a need, know of someone that could use a little help, or would like to be a part of the Helping Hands team. It doesn't take much to look out for each other! You can contact Cindy Sunealitis cindysunealitis@gmail.com



Trauma Support Group forming - We have a few members that are looking to put together a trauma support group. Would you or someone you know benefit from group support from your fellow Sisters in Arms? Please contact Robin Sano at (352) 848-9396 or bumbarn@aol.com for information.

TCWV MERCHANDISE

ONLINE store is OPEN

You can order your TCWV SOL Specialties member shirts
using the "SHOP" button on our website

Shirts and jackets are available to try on for proper sizing at the
Monthly Meetings

Custom Embroidery

Custom Apparel

Southern Trace Plaza Location

3451 Wedgewood Lane The Villages, FL 32162

Middleton Location

7612 Middleton Dr The Villages, FL 34762

You can order other TCWV items from Custom Apparel with the link below!
<https://www.customapparelthevillages.com/tri-county-women-veterans>

POC: Sandie Hayes
sandie.hayes@gmail.com

Visit our Tri-County Women Veterans Store

TCWV Trivia Answer:

MSgt Barbara Dubinsky

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