

Sherri Golder

Candidate for Department Guard
2026-2027



Dear Members of the VFW Auxiliary,

With the endorsement of my District (2), I am honored to announce my candidacy for the position of Department Guard for the 2026-2027. My unwavering commitment to our organization, its values, and our mission to serve veterans and their families has inspired me to seek this role of responsibility and service.

I have had the privilege of working alongside some of you, supporting our programs, and participating in events that strengthen our community and promote patriotism. These experiences have given me a deep appreciation for the dedication and teamwork that make our Auxiliary so impactful.

I joined this organization under the eligibility of my husband, Sean Golder, who served 23 years in the U.S. Army and was deployed to multiple combat zones, including Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom. I am also proud that many members of my family have served and are currently serving.

I became a member in 2022, and soon after, was elected President, a role that I currently hold. As President, I helped revitalize the Auxiliary, and we achieved the Circle of Champions for 2024-2025. I'm also proud to have received the GI Joe award for that same year. At the District level, I served as Trustee and was elected District President in 2024, also a role I currently hold. My efforts also revitalized the District, earning us Circle of Champions for 2024-2025. I also assisted in bringing on a new Auxiliary in District 2 in February of 2025. In addition, I serve as this year's Extension and Revitalization Chairman.

During my short tenure with this organization, both our District and Auxiliary have achieved considerable progress. Although we previously faced significant challenges that threatened their sustainability, through effective leadership, collaboration with the Department and our commitment to this organization, it allowed us to turn things around and we are better because of it.

Let me also mention that I have over 30 years of management and leadership experience. Currently, I serve as the Vice President of Branch Operations for the Tallahassee Region at First Florida Credit Union. In this position, I focus on four key areas: coaching my team to reach their full potential; leading by example to inspire a culture of excellence; directing day-to-day branch operations to maximize efficiency and member satisfaction; and developing staff through ongoing training and mentorship programs. For example, under my leadership, staff development initiatives have resulted in several team members advancing into leadership roles. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to supporting, guiding, and empowering those I work with, which I believe aligns closely with the values of the VFW Auxiliary.

If elected as Department Guard, I pledge to continue to uphold the integrity of our organization and do my utmost to support our officers, members, and initiatives. I believe that together, we can continue to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

I am grateful for your consideration and support. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your dedication to the VFW Auxiliary and for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,
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