



My name is Debora (Debbie) Thie. I am from the Department of Florida, and I am running for the position of District #5 Trustee for the VFW National Home.

I joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1979, under the eligibility of my husband Kenny Thie, a 22 year Navy Veteran.

I am currently a member of the VFW Perry Post 9225 Auxiliary. I have been very active with both the VFW Auxiliary and Military Order of Cootie Auxiliary holding positions on both the Auxiliary and Department levels to include appointments on the National Level and I had the honor of being the MOCA Supreme President from 2021-2022.

From 1988–1989 I was an OMBUDSMAN (liaison between families at home and the ship Ken was on. I had a direct line to the Captain of the Ship.

I worked with the Department of Defense in Virginia for 9 years, working in Officer Records at the Training Facility where I processed Officers in and out of the base. In 1992 I transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL. My primary job at the VA was to process Veterans claims and I also held training classes for new employees. I worked at the VA for 23 years and eventually retired in 2013.

For 6 years, I was on the Board of Directors for the VFW Veterans Village, located in Ft. McCoy, FL and I am currently on the Board of Directors for my Homeowners Association in Monticello, FL.

My husband Kenny and I have been attending and working at the Cootie Christmas at the National Home for over 20+ years. We arrive the week before and during that week we do a breakfast for the staff, along with a spaghetti dinner for the families. On Friday we do a sit-down luncheon for the Staff, and finally on Saturday we do the “Picnic in the Snow” for the families.

I am in Awe of the work the Staff has done through the years with the Service members, Veterans and their families and I feel I have the insight and a deeper understanding of the duties and obligations it would take to hold the position of Board of Trustee. I am a team player, and I feel I would be able to greatly contribute to the VFW National Home.