



Amber Putnam

Candidate, National Junior Vice Commander
2022-2023

"Still Serving, Still Fighting"

Amber L. Putnam, Gold Legacy Life Member of Post 8203 North Port, Florida, is a candidate for the VFW Southern Conference's nomination for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 2022-2023.

For 32 years, Amber served her country with pride earning her eligibility while deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM and retired as a senior master sergeant.

Amber has served in various appointed and elected positions at the Post, District, and National levels. She earned All-State honors in 2007-2008 as Post Commander. In 2015-2016 she served as the Department of Florida Commander, where she earned the honors of All-American Department Commander. Amber currently works as a Service Officer in the Department of Florida.

The VFW's fundamental cornerstone has always been service. Our organization has done much over the last 119 years. But there is much left to do. We have challenges that can only be overcome by working together and seeking new and innovative ways to do business. Amber stands ready to work with you to find those answers and to keep the VFW moving forward - continuing our long proud heritage of service and advocacy.

No matter what life throws in our path, as veterans - COMBAT veterans - we have all learned to adapt and overcome. We work harder, we work smarter, we work leaner. But one fact stands out - we need to work together and move forward.

Through mentorship, education, and business acumen, we encourage our new members to develop an understanding of why the VFW is critical more now than ever. We give the younger generation of VFW members a sense of purpose and letting them know that they are an integral part of the organization. We all have ideas about how we can make inroads into the challenges facing the VFW, but unless we work together as a team, we will continue to run into roadblocks.

We have made tremendous strides in our past and we will continue to figure out the way forward if we work together. But you - you are the key to making it all happen. Absolutely nothing will change if we do nothing. I know we can do it. We CAN work together for the VFW.

With your support, and your help, we can continue the legacy of the VFW, we can keep the VFW strong and we can rise above the challenges placed before us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.