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WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY IN FLORIDA

On behalf of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, I join all Floridians in observing June 12, 2025, as Women Veterans Recognition Day in Florida. It's an opportunity to recognize the caliber of character and courage of all women who have answered, and continue to answer, the call to serve in defense of the freedoms and values that our nation holds dear.

On June 12, 1948, President Harry Truman signed into law the *Women's Armed Services Integration Act*, which enabled women to permanently serve in all branches of the military.

Today, Florida is recognized as the most Veteran-friendly, appreciated, and sought after State in the Nation. The Sunshine State has the second largest population of Women Veterans in the United States, with more than 168,000 who selflessly served in uniform putting their lives on the line to ensure our Nation remains the land of the free.

We honor your service and are proud to serve you.

Sincerely,

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