

Roberta C. Poulos

Veteran of U. S. Air Force



Roberta Poulos was born in 1947 in Cleveland, Ohio. The oldest of eight children, she was orphaned during her senior year at West Technical High School. After graduating from high school she enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. This picture is Roberta during recruit training.



As an Airman First Class (E3) Roberta was station at the now-decommissioned Norton Air Force Base near San Bernardino, California. She worked in disbursement accounting and specialized in payroll. She was particularly proud to be the Airman who could efficiently settle severance pay for those returning from Vietnam and Southeast Asia in every branch of service.



Roberta met and married George A. Poulos in 1968. They began their family with the birth of their son Nicholas in 1969. In 1971 they welcomed their second son Gregory.

Using her GI Bill Roberta became a master cosmetologist, a skill she could continue using while following her husband's many career moves. She has been licensed in four states and continues to use her knowledge in the Look Good Feel Better Program to help women and men going through cancer treatments.



Roberta has been an active member of the American Legion since becoming a charter member of Post 1212 in Bartlett, Illinois. Post 1212 began with only a handful of veterans. It held its charter installation in 1997. Roberta began as Post Adjutant and held every office in the post except Sgt at Arms. She became Commander of the post and held that office from 2008 until 2012. She took an active part in educating herself by taking the American Legion education Course and earned her certificate in June 2010.

Roberta also became involved at the county level where she held every position, again except Sgt at Arms. She became the first female elected Commander for DuPage County in 2011. The county included sixteen posts with a membership of about 3600 veterans. She was also a delegate to the district.

Her co re belief is that the American Legion can be summed up as "VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA".

Roberta and her husband have retired to a home in the Okatie Park Community here in Beaufort County. While searching for a new post she found Post 205 in Bluffton and transferred her membership in May 2013. Shortly thereafter she was elected to the position of Second Vice Commander. As a result of a recent (June 2014) election for District Commander, Roberta was elected as the Commander of District 16 which encompasses Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties.