

Bio of

Gloria Klinefelter

I was born on May 6 , 1942 in South Norfolk (Chesapeake) Virginia, I attended all local schools until the Summer of 1959 when I moved to New London, Connecticut to live with my sister & her family. I came from a large family , besides my parents, Mr.& Mrs Earl Edwards there were 9 brothers & sisters .

While living in Connecticut I met a Sailor , (Phil Klinefelter) just out of boot camp . Phil & I were married on October 3, 1960 so it will be 50 yrs, this Oct.. We have a large family , Ross, Laura (deceased) Mike, Carol & Amy. At age of 11 my little sister joined our family as the Big sister to all of the siblings. We have 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. We have been blessed.

Prior to Joining the VFW Auxiliary I was a Girls Scout Leader in Connecticut & Virginia Beach for total of 17 yrs. I have been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary for 25 yrs . I can hardly remember when I wasn't involved in this Organization . I have had the honor to serve as President to the Ladies Auxiliary three times . I am a hands on person ,like being involved in an Organization where we serve our Veterans every day of the year . We lobby in Washington for the rights of every veteran every thing we do is serving others , our Community Involvement with Youth Programs in Schools to Nursing homes where many of our veterans are . I was lucky enough to be in partnership with a wonderful lady, Sister Jackie Saunders of our Auxiliary ,Jackie & I pulled it together and started a Junior Girls Unit in 1998 at our VFW Post home. It is still thriving with 26 members , (daughters, granddaughter etc. of a Veteran Of Foreign War.)

I have the privilege of being elected as Senior Vice President this year and been appointed as Junior Girl Advisor & youth Program Chairmen . If all goes well I will be serving a few more years . My Husband is a Veteran and others in the family so I am aware of all they and their Comrades have given for me and my freedoms so it is the greatest honor in my life to be able to give something back to them in appreciation .

Needless to say I have had a lot of jobs too many to speak of but my volunteer work is the best job I have ever had. Nobody can fire me or lay me off and the pay is its rewards of knowing I may of touched someone's life in a possitive wonderful way today, even if just making them smile.

Respectfully
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