2026 Veteran of the Year Nomination

I'm honored to nominate **Carole Briggs** for consideration as the 2026 Veteran of the Year, by the Manatee County Veterans Council (MCVC).

Carole served in the military for 24 years that included both active and reserve duty, before retiring as an Army Sergeant First Class. Upon retirement, Carole moved to Bradenton, Florida and has been actively involved in a variety of volunteer organizations since she arrived.
Carole is currently active in:
- Women Veterans of the Sun Coast (WVSC); - Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR);
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUV); - Bradenton Women's Club (BWC).

Volunteer Participation:

- Serves as the Sergeant-at-Arms for an all women's Color Guard for WVSC.
- Took part in a "Women Veterans Panel" at a Manatee Public Library.
- Serves on an all women's Honor Guard at state level DAR events.
- Photographs meetings/events for WVSC, DAR, DUV, and BWC.
- Was instrumental in obtaining and installing a DAR America 250! Patriot Marker at the Donald L. Courtney Veterans Monument Park.
- Serves as an officer in a variety of volunteer organizations.
- Collects worn or tattered U.S. Flags to be properly retired in a dignified manner.
- Facilitated U.S. Flag replacements at local businesses.
- Attends "No Next of Kin" and other Veterans services at Sarasota National Cemetery.
- Participates in parades for Veterans Day, DeSoto Heritage Festival and in Memorial Day and Veterans Day events as a member of WVSC or DAR. Laid a wreath for DAR at the 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Attended an all women's Honor Flight to Washington D.C. that was sponsored by the BWC.
- Participated in street and clubhouse clean-up for 1st Responder Appreciation Luncheon for BWC.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Carole on a variety of projects and events for the Women Veterans of the Sun Coast and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a confident leader and a team player at the same time. She is respected for her talent, skills, and ability to get things done in an efficient manner. She is a compassionate person who freely gives back to our community through a variety of organizations. Tammy Kesky, President, BWC described Carol this way "Her energy, dedication, and love of country shine through in everything she does." I highly recommend Carole Briggs for the 2026 Veteran of the Year. Thank you for your consideration.

Molly A. Boardman
MCVC Secretary, WVSC Historian and Secretary, 2025 Veteran of the Year


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