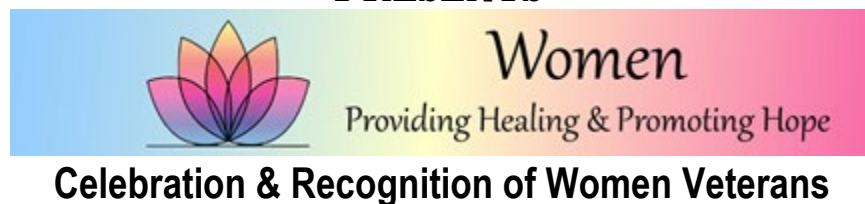


THE VFW CELEBRATES
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



**HOWARD MARTIN RICHARDSON
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
POST #5394
&
HOWARD MARTIN RICHARDSON VFW
POST #5394 AUXILIARY**

PRESENTS



On Saturday, March 26, 2022 these woman warriors were guest speakers and honored for their service both in and out of uniform at the Howard Martin Richardson Post #5394. Pictured standing from left to right; Davina Escalera (USN), CSM Renita Duncan (USA), Col Teresa Starks (USAF, Ret.), CMSgt Jo Keller (USAF, Ret.), Stacey Bulluck (USA), Felicia Marie Haynes (USA), Tess Banko (USMC), Paulette Simpson-Gipson (USAF), LaTanya Ganter (USA), Vanessa Haynes (USA), Adele C. Johnson (WAC/USA). Seated from left to right; SGM Anthony W. Ruff (USA, Ret.), Larry J. Ventress (USAF), Gregory H. Johnson (USN, Ret.).



Attendees were laser-focused on the inspiring and motivating words from the eight (8) guest speakers and the keynote speaker Ms. Stacey Bulluck, U.S. Army veteran. They all brought home the 2022 National Theme, “Providing Healing-Promoting Hope”.



Lillie P. Darden is widely recognized and respected for her more than twenty-five years as the city’s manager of environmental water and refuse services. Now serving as Compton’s 4th District Councilmember, she presented a Proclamation officially recognizing the event, which was issued by Mayor Emma Sharif. Councilwoman Darden is also a Post 5394 Auxiliary Life Member, who has held a number of elected/appointed positions within the veteran support organization.



Veterans Services and Resources were available by Ms. Michele Felix (USA) a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) from Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (seated on left), Anthony W. Ruff (USA) Post #5394 Quartermaster/Adjutant (center) and Ms. Leyla Ramos (USA) a Readjustment Counseling Technician with the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Gardena Vet Center.



Comrade Quartermaster Anthony W. Ruff thanked Ms. Frances Godina for attending and providing handouts on the services provided by The Salvation Army Veterans Employment Services in Compton. Ms. Godina is Community Support Learning & Performance Peer Support Specialist with a passion for training, and assisting veterans with developing skills for resume writing, interview techniques, career guidance and coaching. See her contact information on the attached flyer.



The Program's Keynote Speaker, Ms. Stacey Bulluck is the Los Angeles Chapter President of National Association of Black Military Women, President, and CEO of Ordered Steps Incorporated a nonprofit serving homeless women and formerly incarcerated women Veterans, a bestselling author, transformational speaker, certified John Maxwell Leadership and Life Coach, a Civil Servant, and an ordained Evangelist. Stacey is an Army Veteran having served a little under eighteen (18) years where she advanced to the rank of Staff Sergeant. She is a compassionate individual whose mission is to help others reach their full potential.



Ms. Davina Escalera is a proud US Navy Veteran who served from 2007-2014. She currently works for Volunteers of America as a Veteran Peer Support Specialist in Compton. Ms. Escalera helps link and connect veterans to resources such as housing, employment, healthcare, etc. She also performs community outreach and has partnered with Compton Veterans and the Howard Martin Richardson VFW Post 5394 to provide face-to-face appointments with veterans seeking services. Ms. Escalera has dedicated countless hours to assisting our local veterans. She has made herself available at our home Post on Wednesdays from 12:30pm to 2:30pm and some days extended hours. See the attached flyer for the Veteran Peer Access Network VPAN) for more details.



An impromptu surprise came when Ms. Adele C. Johnson (pictured standing), a Women's Army Corps (WAC) Korean War veteran addressed the attendees to express her generations military experience. It was a treat for everyone in attendance. Ms. Johnson is a lifelong resident of Compton and is also a Life Member of the Howard Martin Richardson VFW Post #5394.