



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Delaware

Biography Tina Washington

Ms. Tina Washington joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28 in 2003. Her eligibility is through her father William L. Sudler who served in World War II in the Army and her son Bernard Hynson who served in the Army during the Gulf War and after.

She worked when needed at Auxiliary events and participated at many others. She served five years as President of Unit 28 and served as Vice President for three years prior. She also was Community Service Chair and Public Relations coordinator. As President, she has started many innovative programs and has strived to bring harmony and cooperation to the Unit.

She has been Secretary of the Department since 2009 and has had several National appointments including a member of the National Centennial Strategic Plan, the Department Operations Manual committee, committee member Girls Nation 2014 – 201, and Eastern Division Membership and Public Relations Chairman. She served as the Eastern Division Secretary during the caucus meetings and several pre-convention meetings in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Tina has been instrumental in requesting visits of the National President which had been nonexistent for several years. She is a strong advocate for National programs and works to change the culture of her Department.

Ms. Washington has continued to gain expertise and knowledge at all levels of the Auxiliary. She has received many awards in Public Relations and Community Service at the State and Unit level and led Delaware's membership team which achieved 100% status in 2013 and 3rd in Nation in 2016.

As the Community Service Chair, Unit 28, she coordinated the Make a Difference Day project to benefit Locks of Love, oversaw the Needy Family Christmas project that each year provides Christmas for families and an Angel Tree that helps many other children realize their dream of something for Christmas. Tina was also instrumental in promoting an Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) benefit featuring a well-known entertainer in the area Bryan Clark which helped to raise a substantial amount of money and a sizable donation to National. This has become an annual event for the Unit. Prior to that Ms. Washington took on the public relations position within the Auxiliary and has given public awareness of Auxiliary functions in newspapers such as the Cape Gazette, the Coastal Press, The Delaware Legionnaire, the Sussex Post, the Sussex Countian and others over the last several years. She was also the driving force in the development of

the Post website and with Karen Marvel continues to make it a forum for information about the Post 28 family and especially the Auxiliary.

Tina also volunteers for the Delaware 50+ Program and has taken the instructional course for a Matter of Balance an award-winning program that over an eight-week period helps seniors to maintain a quality of life by mitigating falls and dangers within the home and in the community. She has just completed her sixth rotation of this class.

As President of the unit she continued to be involved in all aspects of the Unit and continues to work to maintain harmony within the Unit and the Legion Family. She continues to reach out to the community for outreach and has led the Summer Lunch Program for local youth in partnership with the Delaware Food Bank and the Department of Education.

Ms. Washington retired in 2006 as the Director for Administration and Logistics, Operations Directorate, the Department of Homeland Security. She developed, implemented, and maintained all Human Resource, financial management, and logistical support plans, policies and procedures for the Directorate.

Prior to the Department of Homeland Security, Mrs. Washington served with great distinction in support of the Department of Defense Joint Staff Operations. In that position, she was the Event Coordinator, Logistics in highly visible Special Events including Special Olympics, Winter Olympics and Paralympics. Mrs. Washington was singled out for personal recognition by Sargent Shriver, former ambassador to France and the first Director of the Peace Corps in his capacity as the Chairman of the Special Olympics. Noting her personal, tireless, and highly commendable efforts; he recognized her invaluable support as a key enabler of the flawless deployment of over 700 members and coaches of Team USA to the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Anchorage Alaska and the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland.

Ms. Washington was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a 2002 graduate of the Army War College and Shippensburg University and has a Masters in Strategic Planning and a Masters in Business Administration. Her Bachelor of Arts Degree is from Rutgers University, Camden, NJ. She currently resides in Georgetown, DE and is the proud mother of a son, Bernard Hynson and a daughter Pamela Crook and grandmother of Marquis, Raynell, and Taylor.