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**DVCF**  
RETREAT

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**The Democratic Veterans  
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2020 Retreat**

**February 21st to February 23rd, 2020  
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary  
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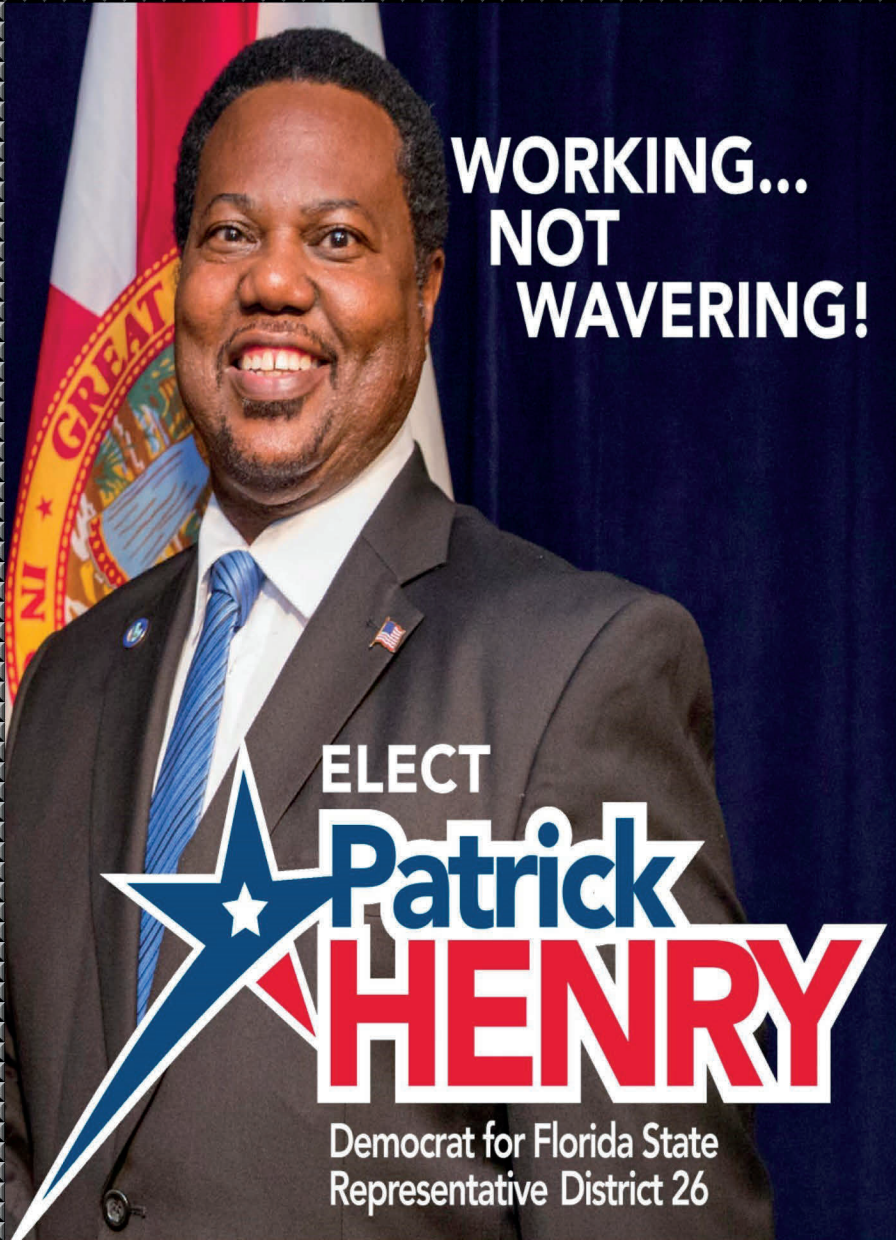
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*Best wishes for a successful Retreat!*

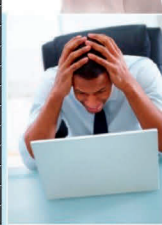
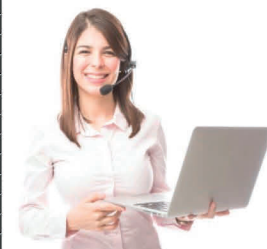


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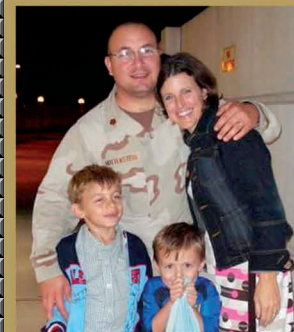


The Bay County Democratic Executive Committee and the Veterans Caucus extend a grateful thank you to the Democratic Veterans Caucus of Florida and especially Palm Beach and Volusia Counties and others for collecting and distributing hurricane Michael recovery supplies throughout the Florida Panhandle.



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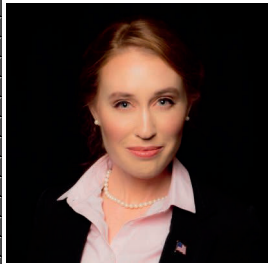
**Dennis Plews**, DVCF Founding Member and Director, Founding Member and Director of Florida Veterans for Common Sense, and a Director of the Sarasota County Veterans Commission. Retired attorney, having graduated with honors from FSU College of Law.

Inventor with three patents. Served in Viet Nam in 1968 in Fire Direction Control/Forward Observer with C Battery, 3rd Battallion, 82nd Artillery of the 196th Light Infantry. I worked with others to ensure the establishment through the Florida Legislation of veteran treatment courts in Florida.

**Frank Doglione**, DVCF Director. Born in Flushing New York in 1945. Enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in November 1965, Graduated basic Jet Engine school in May of 1966 and assigned to McGuire A.F.B. NJ. In 1967 assigned to McConnell A.F.B. for training on the Jet Engine used in the F-105. After training assigned to Karat Royal Thai Air Base Thailand. In 1968 I was assigned to Dover A.F.B., DE. In 1969 I was discharged from the Air Force and joined the US Air Force Reserves in 1970, winding up as flight engineer with the 702nd Military Air Lift Squadron. I retired in 1996 as a Master Sargeant. While in the Reserves, I worked as a pilot for Eastern Airlines. I have been involved with many veteran organization for the past ten years and am a veterans service officer under the Disabled American Vets. Been involved with the veterans courts since 2017.

**Carlton Cartwright**, DVCF Media Chair, Director and president of the Palm Beach County caucus. Served in the US Air Force from 1978 to 1984 as Staff Administration Support, Strategic Air Command, March AFB, CA and USAFE (European Theater) and Homestead AFB, FL. Have worked as a substitute teacher in elementary, middle and high school and am now an Adjunct Professor at Palm Beach State College having aquired a BS at Palm Beach Atlantic University, an AS Degreee & Certification in Motion Picture Film Production at Palm Beach State College and a MS in Criminal Justice at Lynn University. I have worked as a photographer, a security guard and from 1993 to present as the Executive Director of The Children's Coalition, Inc., teaching at-risk youth technical skills in filmmaking. I also work to collect videos of veterans discussing their experiences as part of the Library of Congress' Veteran History Project.





**Dr. J. J. Walcutt**, former Democratic presidential candidate, is a scientist, mom, thought-leader, and innovator who specializes in education, government, and military readiness. Walcutt holds a doctorate in psychology and has over 20 years of experience in research focused on training and education across the lifetime.

Most recently she reported to the Pentagon, leading an education initiative for the Department of Defense, where she collaborated with more than 85 education stakeholders across all disciplines to craft an innovative blueprint—Modernizing Learning: Building the Future Ecosystem. She also served as a delegate to NATO and Partnership for Peace, and as a Human Innovation Fellow under the Office of Personnel Management where she wrote the redesign plans for government modernization.

**William Richard Lockette (“Richard”)** was born in Roanoke, Virginia. He moved permanently to the Washington DC Area in 1970. Richard retired from The Veterans Administration in Washington DC as The Military Service Coordinator after 30 years. One of his proudest moments was conducting the separation from the Military of General Colin Powell when he retired. After retiring from the VA Richard worked 7 years for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He retired as Master Sergeant of the United States Air force after 30 years having served 4 years Active Duty during the Viet Nam Era and 26 in the Air Force Reserves. He moved to Leesburg Florida in 2007 and is currently Quarter Master/Service Officer for VFW Post 6389 and President of the Lake County Democratic Veterans Caucus. Richard is proud of his 2 adult daughters and grandson and has been married 38 years to his wife and partner, Lillian Lockette.



**Jeff Shepherd**, multi-instrumentalist and bandleader, plays the saxophone, clarinet and flute. Jeff's musical career began as a middle school student in Kokomo, IN. He began performing professionally at the age of 16. Jeff plays a wide variety of styles, including rock, classical and jazz. Since his recent retirement from the Florida Department of Transportation, he volunteers as a band director's assistant at Southwestern Middle

School in DeLand, FL. Jeff is a songwriter and was recently commissioned to compose a soundtrack for a short film.  
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**The Honorable Anna Eskamani** (born May 20, 1990) is an American politician who is the member of the Florida House of Representatives from the 47th district in Orange County. Eskamani was born in Orlando, Florida to parents who immigrated to the United States from Iran. Eskamani has an older brother Arya, and a twin sister Ida. Eskamani's family was working class, with both of her parents working multiple jobs to make financial ends meet. In 2004, Eskamani's mother died of colon cancer. She graduated with two bachelor's degrees in 2012 and two master's degrees in 2015 from the University of Central Florida (UCF). She also earned two certificates and taught at UCF as an adjunct professor. She is pursuing a PhD at UCF in Public Affairs.

Eskamani first began to become more engaged in advocacy work as a student at UCF, resulting in her focusing on women's issues and volunteering with groups like Planned Parenthood. In 2012, she was hired to serve as a Development Coordinator and worked at Planned Parenthood for six years, rising to become the organization's Senior Director of Public Affairs and Communications for the merged affiliate known as Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida. In 2017, Eskamani announced her candidacy for the 47th district seat in the Florida House of Representatives. During her campaign, Eskamani gained national media attention for her advocacy on women's issues and gun safety legislation. Pulse nightclub is located in Florida's 47th district, and Eskamani would speak to issues of gun violence often. Eskamani was elected in the general election on November 6, 2018, winning 57 percent of the vote over 43 percent of Republican candidate Stockton Reeves. With this victory, Eskamani would become the first Iranian-American to serve in the Florida Legislature. Eskamani has been appointed to serve on four legislative committees in the Florida House of Representatives. They include Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee, PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee, and Ways & Means Committee.



**2020 DVCF Retreat Agenda  
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary**

**Friday, February 21**

**3:00PM to 6:30PM** - Event Registration

**7:00PM to 9:00PM** - Marian's Reception  
Cocktail Reception - Open Bar and Appetizers  
Music provided by Daniel "Saxman" Fuqua

**Saturday, February 22**

**7:30AM to 10:00AM** - Buffet Breakfast

**9:00AM to 3:00PM** - Meeting Registration

**10:00AM to 12:00PM** - **DVCF Retreat**

Opening Ceremonies  
Invocation - Reverend Danny Fuqua  
Presentation of Colors  
National Anthem  
President Phil Giorno's Welcome

Democratic Veterans Caucus of Florida Meeting

Veterans Benefits Update  
William "Richard" Lockette  
Introduction - Veterans Treatment Courts  
Dennis Plews  
Veterans Treatment Courts and Service Officers  
Frank Doglione

**12:00PM to 1:00PM** - **Buffet Luncheon Provided**

**2020 DVCF Retreat Agenda (cont.)**

**Saturday, February 22 (continued)**

**1:00PM to 5:00PM** Session with breaks as needed  
Candidate Introductions  
Caucus Leader Presentations  
Carlton Cartwright and the Forgotten Coast  
After Session Videotaping for Veteran History Project  
Carlton Cartwright

**6:00PM to 7:00PM** - Dinner Registration

**7:00PM to 9:00PM** - Dinner  
President Phil Giorno's Welcome  
Invocation - Reverend Danny Fuqua  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Recognition of officials and candidates  
Dinner - Music provided by Jeff Shepherd  
Master of Ceremonies President Phil Giorno  
Guest Speaker Dr. J.J. Walcutt  
Guest Speaker  
The Honorable Anna Eskamani

**Sunday, February 23**

**7:00AM to 10:00AM** - Buffet Breakfast

**10:00AM**  
Meeting of the DVCF Board of Directors  
All members may attend

*Times are approximate.  
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