

2022 DVCF Retreat Agenda

Friday, August 12, 2022

11:00AM to 12:00PM - Registration

12:00 PM - Luncheon Begins

Pledge of Allegiance: VP Danny Fuqua

Welcome: President H. Elena McCullough

Introduction of Speakers: President Emeritus Phil Giorno

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Dick Batchelor

The Honorable Adam Hattersley

Dr. R. LeWayne Johnson, PHD, LLM, JD

Dr. JJ Walcutt, PhD

Presentation of Certification Certificates

FDP Certification Chair Marian Williams, State & Local

Presentation of Awards to DVCF Caucus Presidents

President Emeritus Phil Giorno

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Registration for Reception

5:00 PM 7:00 PM - Reception with Cash Bar

Candidate Campaign Speeches

Hospitality Room Open 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

The Democratic Veterans Caucus of Florida Leadership



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- Encourage nonveteran, Democratic candidates who support veteran issues
- Increase involvement of all Democratic veterans in the electoral process as candidates, policy experts and advisers, and campaign volunteers.

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Dr. JJ Walcutt, PhD

Dr. JJ Walcutt, former Democratic presidential candidate, is a scientist, mom, thought-leader, and innovator who specializes in education, government, and military readiness. During her campaign, she toured the United States interviewing experts across major issue areas and used

these data to create a National Readiness Blueprint.

Walcutt holds a doctorate in psychology and has over 20 years of experience in research focused on training and education across the lifetime. In the past, 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 a national education reform plan and an open innovation model for re-imagining the executive branch.

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.

Walcutt is passionate about enabling leaders to transform the federal government and inspiring community members to be engaged in solutions. She is in demand as a national and international speaker. She is currently President and CEO of Clay Strategic Designs.



The Honorable Dick Batchelor

Rep. Dick J. Batchelor is a former member of the Florida House of Representatives. He is president of Dick Batchelor Management Group, Inc., a management consulting firm that specializes in business development, strategic governmental affairs and public policy issues. He has been featured numerous times as one of the "50 Most Powerful People in Orlando."

Born the middle of seven children in Fort Bragg, NC to tenant farmers, he and his family relocated to Orlando when he was a child. Between 1966 and 1968, Batchelor volunteered with the US Marine Corps. He was deployed to Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 and stationed in Da Nang during the Tet Offensive. The experience would shape his future life of service

Batchelor used the G.I. Bill to earn a BS at UCF with post baccalaureate work in Political Science and Public Administration. In 1974, at age 26, he became one of the youngest to serve in the Florida House of Representatives, serving eight years with five in leadership. His committee work centered on Education and Health and Rehabilitative Services, and he continued advocacy in these areas through his life. Batchelor met his wife, former WESH-TV anchor Andrea Coudriet, in 1982. The couple have three sons.

Batchelor established his consulting firm in 1986 and continues to specialize in providing business development and strategic government relations consulting services. His knowledge of international affairs also garnered him recognition by The Clinton White House, including presidential appointments as a delegate to observe elections in South Africa and as a delegate to United Nations Human Rights Commission.



The Honorable Adam Hattersley

Rep. Adam Hattersley is a US Navy veteran and author focused on improving the lives of those in his community through service. He believes the only way forward in this country is to put politics aside and send people to Tallahassee who will work for their communities instead of themselves, their political parties or their big donors.

Adam spent eight years as a nuclear submarine officer in the United States Navy protecting our country at home and abroad. Thinking of his father who volunteered to fight in Vietnam, Adam volunteered during the height of the Iraq War to deploy on the ground with a U.S. Army unit. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service.

Adam completed his Navy service as an electrical engineering instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy. He moved to Riverview, Florida in 2009 where he worked for a Fortune 500 company for seven years relying on his background to lead a team responsible for training and managing hundreds of skilled technicians all over the world. In 2016, Adam and his wife opened a small business helping other small businesses promote themselves.

In 2018, Adam sought and won a seat in the Florida Legislature as a Democrat, where he was committed to lowering health care costs, honoring the service that veterans have made to our country and protecting public education. He is currently running for Florida Chief Financial Officer.



Dr. R. LeWayne Johnson, PHD, LLM, JD

Dr. R. LeWayne Johnson was born in rural Mississippi in the 1950s. At just 5 years old, Johnson was already working as a water boy in the cotton fields with his family.

Today, Dr. Johnson is a 35-year military veteran who served in the US Air Force for four years and the US Army for 29 years (Senior Chief Warrant Officer). He was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroism in the first Gulf War.

Dr. Johnson has also earned a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration, a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Taxation, a Juris Doctor (JD), and has practiced law. He has also earned two master's degrees. He has said "Education is the great equalizer, and without it we can't go forward. The message that I have for the younger generation is to get that education."

Dr. Johnson currently works for the federal government as a program manager with the presidential helicopter program. He founded the Osceola County Democratic Veterans Caucus of Florida. Dr. Johnson is also the CEO and President of The Florida Coalition to Prevent Veteran Homelessness, Inc., which he founded in 2021.

Dr. Johnson's wife of forty years has an MBA and is a retired federal employee, while his youngest daughter is a Naval Officer with a medical degree (MD) and his oldest daughter has a master's degree.

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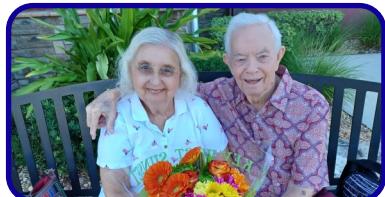
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