

## A Message from our President...

"Democratic Women are Thankful" is a focal point of the National Federation of Democratic Women's in November 2021. Veterans Day is an appropriate and meaningful start to our campaign. Americans owe so much to our veterans which according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, total approximately 19 million in the United States. Rest assured that each of these veterans has a significant story about his or her time served.

The freedoms that we enjoy today are because of the selfless service of these men and women. Military members are accustomed to leaving their spouses, children, mothers, and fathers at home while they spend their holidays alone and even abroad. While far from home our military members have lived in deserts or underdeveloped countries without air conditioning, a comfortable bed, or the other comforts of home. Many have even shipped out on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day.

We must never forget to say thank you to our veterans. We must also make sure that they are continuously a top priority of our government because we owe these veterans a world of gratitude. Their healthcare and well-being must receive the utmost attention. Anything else would be a shameful disgrace. Therefore, so on November 11, NFDW says "Thank You" to all of America's veterans.

NFDW will continue to move forward with our "Democratic Women are Thankful" campaign, and we will be sharing more moments of recognition. You are invited to spread our messages far and wide on every social media platform where you participate. Let's make sure that the world knows that "Democratic Women are Thankful."

A thank you is also in order to Alana Burman, President of the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women, Dr. Tracey Fisher, President of the Gwinnett Federation of Democratic Women, and Monica Readus, Chair of NFDW's Communications Team, for their help creating NFDW's "Democratic Women are Thankful" campaign.

Want to join our effort or share an idea, please reach out to NFDW President Gail Buckner: <u>gailbuckner@bellsouth.net</u>