

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Susan Finnigan and I respectfully submit this bio for consideration for the office of Sergeant-At-Arms within the National First Marine Division Association.

I was born in New London, Connecticut and raised in the shadow of the US Coast Guard Academy and Naval Sub Base, Groton, CT. Upon graduating from Waterford High School, I enlisted in the United States Marines Corps under the Musician Enlistment Option Program as a MOS 5546 (Field Musician - Trombone). I completed boot camp at MCRD Parris Island, SC in November 1996 and continued onto the Armed Forces School of Music at NAB Little Creek, VA. While at the school, I was given new orders and MOS designation of 9812 - Member, U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps. I arrived at Marine Barracks 8th & I in February 1997 and served with "The Commandant's Own" until January 1998. At that time, I transferred to Marine Corps Institute on the Washington Navy Yard and added a secondary MOS - 4066, Small Computer Systems Specialist. I spent the rest of my enlistment working on the information systems of Marine Barracks Washington and worked as part of the team that modernized all technology resources for Y2K for the entire command. I earned a Navy Achievement Medal for this work during my time in the information systems management office at Marine Corps Institute. I also achieved the rank of Sergeant during my four-year enlistment.

After finishing my enlistment in the Marines in August 2000 and earning an honorable discharge, I went on to work as a government contractor in the Washington DC area. I leveraged my GI Bill to earn my Bachelor of Science in Computer Networking. I also volunteered in the community serving as Worthy Matron of Fredericksburg Chapter No 29 Order of the Eastern Star, and Advisory Council Member of the Fredericksburg Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. In 2005, I relocated my family to Florida.

In the Fort Myers area from 2005 to 2012, I served as a Girl Scout troop leader and Gulf Coast Council Cookie Coordinator. Since moving to the Central Florida area in 2013, I have been involved in several veteran initiatives. I currently serve as President of the Women Marines Association Heart of Florida Chapter FL-12. I also serve as Secretary of the Central Florida Chapter of the First Marine Division Association. In my current job at Disney Parks, I also serve on the leadership team for the business employee resource group, SALUTE, which supports all employees with a military affinity whether veteran, family or friend. I volunteer with Toys for Tots annually as well as support Fisher House, Wreaths Across America and Soldier's Angels. Since joining Disney, I have also earned two master's degrees - Master of Information Science from University of Phoenix in 2017 and a Masters of Marketing from Southern New Hampshire University in 2020. In the summer of 2021, the Veterans Administration elevated my disability rating to 100% total and permanent and currently receive full benefits for this rating. In the fall of 2022, I became the first woman to serve as a representative to the board of directors of the First Marine Division Association in its 75 year history.

My accomplishments in the community were recently highlighted on the Disney Parks Blog and social media pages. <https://disneyparks.disney.go.com/blog/2023/03/celebrating-womens-history-month-susans-lifetime-of-service-to-country-and-community/>

Professionally, my background has been primarily technology while I am currently working as a Lead Product Manager at Disney within the global marketing center of excellence, Customer Engagement. My

duties include managing marketing technology solutions for Disney Parks to improve efficiency and effectiveness of marketing activities across digital and direct communication channels.

I appreciate your consideration in serving as Sergeant-at-arms for the upcoming term and hope my previous experience shows I am a dedicated and loyal resource to the organizations I serve. The First Marine Division Association has been a veteran service organization I care very deeply about. While I was never stationed on Camp Pendleton, my multiple duties in the Marine Corps helped support the mission of the division with public displays of gallantry and military precision as well as education for all Marines. The Central Florida chapter has become a home for me to serve my community and connect with other great Marines. It has been a great honor and privilege to be involved and I hope to continue to serve the organization as others have before me.

Very Respectfully,

Susan G. Finnigan