



DELPHINE METCALF-FOSTER
Jr. Vice Commander
Disabled American Veterans

Delphine Metcalf-Foster was born and raised in Vallejo, California. An alumnus of Vallejo High School, she went on to earn an A.A. degree in Psychology from Solano Community College and a B.A. from Sonoma State University in Liberal Studies.

Delphine Metcalf-Foster's distinguished military service ended in 1996 when she retired as a First Sergeant from the United States Army Reserves. Mrs. Foster is a combat veteran of Desert Storm/Desert Shield. During her military service, she received the following honors: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Component Achievement Medal and the Southwest Asia Service Medal. She also worked for the Department of the Navy at the Alameda Naval Air Station as a Quality Assurance Specialist and retired after a 20-year career.

In 2004-2005, Delphine had the distinction of being the first female to hold the position of Commander of the California Disabled American Veterans (DAV), an accomplishment not achieved in the 81 year history of the organization. Before that, she was the Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander of the California Disabled American Veterans; again, the first woman to hold these positions. She was also chosen as Veteran of the Year by Solano County District 2 Congressional Representative George Miller in 2009.

Delphine currently serves in two very distinguished positions at the national level. She is a member of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; a body that provides recommendations directly to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki. In August 2013, Delphine was also elected to serve as the 3rd Jr. Vice Commander for the Disabled American Veterans national organization; which currently has 1.2 million members. If re-elected each year in the next three years, Delphine will become the first female national commander of the DAV.

In her community, she is an active member of Congressman George Miller's VA Committee and U.S. Military Academy Committee. She is a member of the VFW post 1123, DAV chapter 21 and the Women Veterans of Yountville. She volunteers reading every Monday at the J.F.K. Library in Vallejo, California to young people 3-6 years of age. She is also a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and very proud of her granddaughter, U.S. Army SSG Jacare Hogan, who just returned from her third tour in Afghanistan.