



I am **Patricia Mathes -Kerr** of Matheny-Burt-Parrot Post 64 in Chandler, Oklahoma.

I am a candidate for the
Department of Oklahoma Senior Vice Commander
and I would love your support and vote!

Why am I the candidate for you? I believe that with support there is success, which significantly improves veteran resilience. I have seen this concept repeatedly in the 12 years I have been a practicing Mental Health provider in the military and now at VA. Support provides the connectedness vital to build, maintain, and sustain resilience. Veteran resilience is the key to improved quality of life, throughout all stages of the life span. This touches the American Legion family. It takes a village, and that village is the American legion Family.

Dolphins are a great representation of the concept of support=success. They travel in pods and consistently work together through the storms, waves, and calm waters contributing to their resilience and

survival. The American Legion Family very much resembles dolphins in this way. This is the support I want to foster in our family from the post level, all the way through the national community.

This is a part of what I bring to you as a candidate for Senior Vice Commander, improved quality of life through support.

Support=success 4 veteran resilience.

Thank you for your support and vote!



Veterans serving Veterans, their Families and the Community

For GOD and Country

Patricia was born in Lawton, OK and moved to Stroud, OK as an infant with her mom which was near her Uncle Joe Dodson, an Army POW and Bataan Death March survivor.

Patricia was 1 of 15 chosen out of over 125 soldiers, sailors, marines, and DoD civilians worldwide to attend the Army Medical Department Center & School Master of Social Work Program in 2013 becoming a Behavioral Health Officer. It was during this time she recognized her God given mission for assisting military service members and veterans in crisis.

Since then, Patricia has worked in the Army, Air Force, and VA working with homeless veterans, addiction recovery, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, military mental health readiness, local, state and national policy creation, implementation and advocacy, and behavioral health counseling and therapy with a focus on military and veteran resiliency.

Patricia is currently finishing her Seminary studies in the Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling program with a focus in Chaplain and Pastoral support.

Patricia is only the second female Legionnaire from Oklahoma to be inducted into ANAVICUS, 2025, and the first to win "Health Care Provider of the Year" at the Department and National Level, 2025.

Patricia is married to her husband and fellow Army combat veteran Michael Kerr of Post 64 in Chandler, OK. They are both dual American Legion Auxiliary life members. Their son, MAC is a member of squadron 126 Sons of the American Legion.



POST 64, Chandler

proudly presents



Patricia Mathes-Kerr

for
Senior Vice Commander

2026 * 2027

Eligibility

Patricia Mathes-Kerr earned her eligibility for membership in The American Legion with service in the United States Army during Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, as a Non-Commissioned Officer.

Her service time began in the Oklahoma Army National Guard in 2000 as a full time (AGR) Communications Specialist, Logistics and Administrative NCO. She received a Direct Commission into the Medical Corp. in 2012. She has been a member of the American Legion since 2013.

Education

Bachelor of Arts

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK: 1996 (Secondary Education)

Master Social Work

Fayetteville State University, (AMEDD) Ft. Sam Houston: 2014

Master Biblical Counciling

SW Baptist Theological Seminary, (MABC) Ft Worth: 2026

Medical Officer School

(AMEDD): Ft. Sam Houston, 2012

LCSW:

State of Oklahoma: 2016

American Legion:

National Legion College 2023
Oklahoma Legion College 2023

American Legion

Post Level Activities

Post Commander, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Sergeant-At-Arms

District Level Activities

1st Vice- Commander and
2nd Vice-Commander

Department Level Activities

Vice Commander East, Women's Veterans Committee, National Guard Liaison Committee Chair, Department Conference Workshop Instructor

National Level Activities

Americanism Committee, National Guard Committee

Support = Success

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Affiliations



Honors

Post of the Year 2023;
Four Pillars Post Excellence Award, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security, Children & Youth Services 2023

Memberships

PUFL, ALAPUFL, National Legion College, Inaugural Oklahoma Legion College, ANAVICUS, EANGUS, MOAA, 45TH INF. Div., (DAR), 20/4 Society

