

I am humbled and honored to have been elected the 87th National President of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary. Although I have always been active in the organization, I never would have considered myself worthy of such an honor. Looking back on the women who have previously held this position, I am in awe that I find myself following in their footsteps. Like my predecessors, I will continue to lead our Auxiliary in service, dedication, and patriotism.

I'm excited to begin this new term-year offering new projects to our members such as a Purple Heart Family business directory, a supply-store on our website, and fun projects to better the lives of the Veterans we serve.

It is with great happiness that I introduce our National Sr. Vice President - Kay Jo Baucom, and National Jr. Vice President – Barbara Hale-Ray. Both of these amazing ladies, along with our region presidents and other leadership officers are excited to begin this year doing what we do best – serving YOU, the honored members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary and the Patriots of the MOPH..

I am the proud daughter of Vietnam Veteran Ed Oltmann, PDC, and Eileen Oltmann, PNP. I live in Southeast Louisiana - in what I consider "Sportsman's Paradise". In my spare time, I can usually be found on the water (either boating or fishing) with my husband Christian and son Austin.

I welcome your comments and suggestions and truly look forward to carrying out our mission of serving Veterans in need.

With reverent patriotism,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen".

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