

Chairman Ueker, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Maharath and members of the Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veteran's Affairs Committee.

Good Morning I am Dr. Dana Robinson-Street,  
I am a retired Naval Officer who served on Active Duty as a Enlisted Member of the United States Navy and Naval Officer for more than 25 years.

In addition to my military status I am a mother, daughter, sister, and aunt.

I am the President of the Women Veterans Rock National Leadership Team for the State of Ohio and a member of the National Leadership Council of the 2020 Women Veterans Rock Delegation to Washington DC representing 25,000 women veterans from the Mid Atlantic Region.

I am here today in support of the joint bill of Senator Williams and Senator Hoaglen, Cosponsored by Senators Lehner, Terhar, Sykes, Marath, Tomnas, Fedor, Craig, Antonio, Hackett, Eklund and Rulli to establish an annual Women Veterans Day on June 12th.

According to the Veterans Affairs 2017 statistics there is more than 2.2 million women veterans nationally and more than 72,000 in the state of Ohio. As Women Veterans we sacrifice all aspects of our lives while serving our country.

We sacrifice our marriages, children, families, history and our lives to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. We delay and defer our civilian career development in sacrifice of military service to our country.

We have served in All wars from the post Civil War of era 1844 to today almost 200 years later. We have selfless valor and our military service has contributed to the freedoms and liberties we all have.

The establishment of an Ohio Women Veterans Day gives recognition to all of courageous and heroic contributions we as Women Veterans have made to this country. Ohio is in the top 20 states populated by women veterans. Remember, when you honor women veteran you honor a nation. Lets vote yes in support of the bipartisan State Bill 77 to have the great state of Ohio join many other states around the country in a day of formal recognition to the women who have valiantly committed to protect and serve America from the State of Ohio.

I would like to thank Senator Williams and Senator Hoaglen for sponsoring and Senators Lehner, Terhar, Sykes, Marath, Tomnas, Fedor, Craig, Antonio, Hackett, Eklund and Rulli for Co-Sponsoring this bipartisan bill to honor an annual Women Veterans Day of June 12th in the state of Ohio.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dana Robinson-Street