

Ms. Marsha Four  
Inducted 2013

A tireless advocate for veterans especially those who are in need, Ms. Four has been active since her time in uniform. A Vietnam Veteran who served on active duty with the Army Nurse Corps, she entered the service on the Student Nurse Recruitment Program and began active duty in 1968. From 1969 to 1970 she served in Vietnam with the 18th Surgical Hospital, located first at Camp Evans and then Quang Tri, the Northern most hospital in South Vietnam. Honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant, she was awarded the Bronze Star.

Ms. Four has been actively involved in veterans' issues on a local, regional and national level for nearly 25 years. She was the initiator of the Philadelphia Stand Down for Homeless Veterans and served as its Executive Director from 1993 until 1999. She retired as the Executive Director of The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, a non-profit agency providing free, comprehensive services to regional Veterans. As such, she took the developmental lead on establishing the Mary E. Walker House, a nationally recognized transitional residence for homeless women Veterans. Her service to country and community continues to impact the lives of thousands upon thousands of Veterans in need and their families.

A life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Delaware County Chapter 67, she has served on VVA's National Board of Directors since 1999, and is the long standing Chair of its National Women Veterans Committee, Vice Chair of its Homeless Veterans Committee and a member of its Health Care, Government Affairs and PTSD/Substance Abuse Committees. Ms. Four has contributed to, written and delivered testimony to both the U.S. House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees, the Pennsylvania Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and in homeless Veteran hearings for the City of Philadelphia. Ms. Four was appointed to the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretarial Advisory Committee on Women Veterans from 1992 to 1994, and again from 2001 to 2006. Veterans Administration Secretary Principi appointed Ms. Four as Chair of this Committee for two terms from 2002 until August of 2006. In this position Ms. Four also served as a liaison/consultant to the VA Secretarial Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.