

GABRIELLA KUBINYI

QUALIFICATION SUMMARY

Detail-oriented professional recently graduated with a master's degree in professional studies focusing on political management, with a concentration in community advocacy from George Washington University in Washington, DC. Well-versed in leading, facilitating, convening, and planning sessions to analyze policy and address legislative or other issues that may impact the military community. Continually exceeds expectations by building alliances and cultivating support for shared goals with other non-profit organizations, while effectively interfacing at all levels, including key stakeholders and decision-makers.

Core Competencies

- Strategic Planning & Execution
- Strong Interpersonal Skills
- Cross-functional Coordination
- Represent Organization in Public
- Grassroots Organizing
- Key Relationship Building
- Effective Communicator
- Team Building & Leadership

Professional Experience

MERCY MEDICAL ANGELS | Washington, DC **2021 to Present**
Veteran Outreach Specialist

- Achieve strategic goals through securing partnerships by establishing contacts in the military / veteran community, serving as the primary point of contact for the Veteran Program, and ensuring adherence to regulatory standards.
- Increased Veteran transportation requests by 89% in the first year and continued to grow year over year by increasing awareness of services through targeted outreach.
- Represent the organization in public and attend numerous conferences and events to spread awareness of the organization's services and mission.

Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. | Washington, DC **2022 to 2023**
Co-Chair of Government Relations Committee & President of Arlington Chapter

- Planned and executed a "Color the Hill Gold 2023" advocacy week in Washington, D.C. Members attended from across the country to be trained, meet with their legislators, and connect with fellow members.
- Presented advocacy materials to internal and external stakeholders, effectively articulating the organization's mission and objectives to inspire support and engagement.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS | Washington, DC **2016 to 2021**
Legislative Assistant (2019 to 2021)

- Provided written and oral testimony for a House of Representatives Veterans' Affairs Committee Oversight hearing in January 2024.
- Initiated actions and directed a leading legislative committee of 71 VFW members across the country and an over 335K grassroots advocacy base, monitoring performance, and providing training as required.
- In collaboration with Director, develop and execute legislative strategy to further VFW's legislative goals.
- Represented organization in written testimony before House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- Earned appreciation for developing and executing the first virtual legislative conference in 100-year history while taking initiatives to improve engagement between staff and legislative committee vice-chairmen and members.
- Revamped grassroots weekly email newsletter and updated in accordance with the latest trends by implementing creative ideas in coordination with the communication department.

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- Administered all aspects of the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Student Veterans of America's Legislative Fellowship program, including coordinating application processes, managing participant communications, scheduling events and meetings, and overseeing the who process to ensure efficient operation and successful outcomes, including student's proposals becoming law.

Customer Support Claims Consultant (2016 to 2019)

- Department of Veterans Affairs Accredited Service Officer requiring complete knowledge of Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, policy and procedures, healthcare laws, and regulations.
- Represented organization on multiple platforms, including The Military Coalition's Survivor Committee, Department of Defense / Department of Veterans Affairs Survivor Forum, and others as needed.
- Volunteered for training classes for military casualty assistance officers to ensure deeper understanding of critical processes.
- Efficiently resolved over 1800 annual queries from VFW members, veterans, and the general public on a vast range of topics to include Department of Veterans Affairs benefits with compassion and empathy.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS | Washington, DC Intern

2014

- Assisted in routine administrative activities, including drafting official correspondence, performing legislative research, and attending congressional hearings, roundtables, and meetings.
- Facilitated in first Department of Labor (DOL) outreach to military widows by collaborating with the DOL Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy to gather complete information on DOL VETS Program, Veteran's Employment, and Training Services for the Department of Defense to be distributed to all Killed in Action military widows.
- Offered comprehensive and accurate interpretations of complex legislative issues to the general veteran population in written and verbal forms.

Additional Experience

Server, California Pizza Kitchen, Paramus, NJ

Previous Leadership Positions

Lead Volunteer Advocate, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), Washington, DC

Co-Chairwoman of Government Relations Committee, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Washington, DC

Member, Veterans' Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC

Other Involvements

Member, Gold Star Spouses of America, Inc., United States of America

Member, Gold Star Program Advisory Work Group – U.S. Navy

Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary

Education & Credentials

Master's Degree in Profession Studies of Political Management, Concentration in Community Advocacy, 2023

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC

Graduate Gateway Program in Applied Politics, 2014

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC

Paralegal Certificate Program, 2009

FARLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY, Teaneck, NJ

Bachelor of Arts in History, 2003

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, New Brunswick, NJ