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Quandrea Patterson is an Associate Director of the National Legislative Service for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. It is her responsibility to analyze and consult with Congress on issues related to disability assistance and memorial affairs.

Quandrea grew up in Lagrange, Georgia, and followed in her father's footsteps (United States Army) as the only other person in their immediate family to serve in the military. Her journey of public service started in 1993 with her enlistment in the United States Marine Corps where she served twenty years in multiple roles to include administrator, recruiter and academic instructor. In 2009, she deployed with Marine Air Control Squadron 2, MCAS Cherry Point in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2013, Quandrea concluded her service as a Personnel Administration School Instructor at Marine Corps Combat Services Support Schools, Camp Johnson, North Carolina, with the rank of staff sergeant.

Since retirement, her connection to public service has included AmeriCorps, public school teacher Dallas, Texas, (Troops to Teachers), Site Lead for the Veterans Affairs Transition Assistance Program (Ft. Belvoir/Quantico), and managing two portfolios (homelessness and benefits compensation) for The American Legion. As the analyst for the benefits portfolio, she conducted Regional Office Action Review (ROAR) two-day visits to Department of Veterans Affairs regional office locations, and interviewed staff on the processes for deciding service-connected disability claims. The information was used to produce reports that highlighted the strengths and weaknesses, and to recommend improvements. Currently, Quandrea's role is to execute the VFW's priority goals and legislative objectives through advocacy, analyzing policy, and engaging veterans through community outreach to spread awareness about the benefits and services they have earned.

In 2022, she received an appointment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to serve on the Advisory Committee for Homeless Veterans. Her education includes a Bachelor of Science in Human Relations from Point University, West Point, Georgia, and a Master of Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management.

Quandrea resides in Arlington, VA.