## **Linda Parker-Cooks**

After 20 years of active duty, Linda Parker-Cooks retired from the U.S. Army in July 2006. Linda transitioned from the Army and began her career with the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Detroit, Michigan. Linda started her service as a Veteran Service Representative, which led to a promotion to Rating Veterans Service Representative and her current position of Decision Review Officer for the last ten years. Linda is a VBA-certified Master Instructor.

Linda joined AFGE on her first day during her New Employee Orientation on June 26, 2006, and has been active ever since. Linda has served as a Steward, Veterans Coordinator, Legislative and Political Coordinator, and Vice President and is the current President of AFGE Local 138.

Linda has also served as the Veterans Coordinator for AFGE District 7.

Linda was elected President of the 7th VA District Council #59 from May 2018 until March 2022. She was later elected to the office of 7th District Representative in January 2023. Linda also serves as a member of the VA National Partnership Council, National VA Council VBA Mid-Term Bargaining Committee, National VA Council VBA Legislative Committee, National VA Council Organizing Committee, Chair of the National VA Council Communications Committee, Joint VA-AFGE Master Agreement Instructor, NVAC Title 38 Instructor, and an alternative member of the National VA Council VBA Labor Management Forum.

Linda has been married to husband, John, for 31 years. She has three daughters and one granddaughter.