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## Press Release Concerning an Appointment to the Delaware County Veterans Service Commission (December 2020)

The judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County have appointed M. Christine Santiago Foos from Genoa Township in Delaware County to a five-year term on the county's Veterans Service Commission. Foos was recommended for the appointment by Post 8736 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Sunbury.

Foos is a Marine Corps Reserve veteran (1987-2014) who served in Djibouti (the Horn of Africa) and in Afghanistan, as well as at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and elsewhere. She was honorably discharged after earning an expert rifle badge, a marksman pistol badge, and several medals for her service.

From 1987 through 2005, Foos also held several state-government positions in Ohio, including service as the legislative liaison for the Ohio Adjutant General's Department and in the constituent-services office of the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services.

Since 2019, Foos has worked in the private sector in an administrative-support role at Military Experts LLC, which focuses on assisting injured veterans and active-duty service members.

Foos is a member of VFW Post 8736 and is a past member of the American Legion. She is also a former chairperson of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Women Veterans.

Foos looks forward to beginning her new duties on the commission in January. She wants to make sure that local veterans receive the assistance that they need and hopes that the Veterans Service Commission in Delaware County will be viewed as a model for all other similar offices around the state.

The Veterans Service Commission provides some financial and transportation assistance to local veterans, and it also helps them to connect with healthcare services and the educational and vocational benefits that may be available to them through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ohio law provides that all five members of the county's Veterans Service Commission are appointed by the judges of the Court of Common Pleas. Each member must be a resident of Delaware County and must be an honorably discharged or honorably separated veteran. Compensation for the commission's members is set by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County.