

Faron Petteys

Faron Petteys initially joined the Auxiliary in 2007, when her family moved back to the United States after almost a decade spent in England and Japan. Her husband was taking his final duty assignment at Eglin AFB, after 23 years of dedicated service. When he unexpectedly retired in 2008, they found themselves, inexplicably, in Clovis, New Mexico. The nearest Flotilla was an insurmountable drive away to manage participation to retain her membership, so she withdrew from the Auxiliary. In the summer of 2018, they moved to Melbourne, Florida, and she immediately looked up the nearest Flotilla, in Central Brevard (17-06), wanting to rejoin.

Over the past two and a half years, Faron has had the opportunity to be part of the Member Training team, the FSO-NS, volunteer more than 300 hours in direct support of the nearest ANT (Aids to Navigation Team), been elected to VFC, and served as the FSO-HR. She has become boat crew qualified, served as AuxFS in her local Galley, and is working on Marine Safety qualifications. Recently, she was appointed DSO-NS for District 7 and a branch assistant and instructor for AUXLAMS. For Faron, it has been a challenging and rewarding few years. One thing that is near and dear to Faron is encouraging and challenging people to get involved, and to try new opportunities – like leadership!