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Gail Goodson served her country in the United States Marine Corp from 1978 until 1984. She calls serving her country the honor of a lifetime, and her experience in the military helped inspire her to become more involved in her community and honoring veterans.

Following her service in the Marine Corps, Ms. Goodson volunteered with the YMCA as a swimming instructor as well as with her local Little League & Chester Youth Football.

Gail was an Adult Leader with the Boy Scouts of America, Hudson Valley Council for 15 years and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award as well as a James E. West Fellowship Award holder. Always humble, Ms. Goodson states that, "I never got involved as a volunteer to receive recognition; I simply love giving back."

Currently a member of the Marine Corps League, Ms. Goodson serves as the Adjutant/Paymaster of the Bear Mountain Detachment #1135 and also is a member of the American Legion Post #1168 where she served as a Past Adjutant. Ms. Goodson is also a proud member of the Women Marines Association.

Most recently, Ms. Goodson has had the honor of being a part of the Hudson Valley Honor Flight. The organization has successfully flown more than 750 World War II and Korean Veterans to Washington D.C. on an all-expense paid flight to visit their memorials and give them a day of honor that they so rightfully deserve. Ms. Goodson has been a volunteer since the inception of the organization up until its most recent flight, serving as a Guardian and as a Bus Leader.

Throughout all of Ms. Goodson's hard work and tireless dedication, she has been supported by her husband Mark, and her children, Angel & James.