JO ANN MARTINEZ
Board Director
DAV Charitable Service Trust (CST)

Jo Ann Martinez, a service-connected disabled U.S. Air Force veteran, was elected to the board of directors of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust in 2018.

Prior to her election, she served on DAV’s National Interim Women Veterans Committee for three years. She is a past senior vice commander and chaplain of Chapter 7 in Oakland and has chaired the DAV Department of California’s Legislative and Veterans’ Rights Committee.

Martinez has been recognized by the City of San Jose and VetsinTech for her commitment to diversity and women veterans. She has the distinguished honor of being selected for the first-ever Veteran Fellowship Program at the World Affairs Council of Northern California and is recognized by the National Veteran-Owned Business Association and District 13 American Legion of Santa Clara County for her entrepreneurship.

Martinez is a contributing author in Paper Dolls: Stories from Women Who Served, a limited edition book made from military uniforms, shown in special collection libraries nationwide and featured on Craft in America, a Peabody Award-winning series on PBS. She is a visual artist in traditional and digital media and has served as a panelist on the California Arts Council Veterans in the Arts Initiative. Her passion for innovation and technology has led to placing at tech competitions in the SF Bay Area with TechCentralSF and MEGA Startup Weekend.

Advocating to improve patient and family-centered care, Martinez joined the VA Palo Alto Health Care System’s Veterans and Family Advisory Council in 2013 and currently serves as co-chair.

Martinez and her daughter, Madison, reside in Oakland, California, where she is a life member of Chapter 7.

08/18