

Mary Lee Waddell is a BOI- (**Born on Galveston Island**). Born on January 27, 1948, at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, Mary is the oldest of five children. She is a 1966 graduate of Central High School in Galveston, Texas.

Mary has been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas for 27 years. She is eligible for membership in the Auxiliary through the service of her father, Theodore Scurry, who served in the United States Army for three years during World War II. She has served her Unit as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President.

Mary has served the 9th District as Parliamentarian, Sgt. at Arms, serving on numerous committees and as 9th District President 2003-2005. She has served the 3rd Division as Chaplain, Sgt. at Arms, serving on many committees and as 3rd Division President 2008-2009.

Mary has served the Department of Texas as a member of the Leadership, Membership and Community Service committees. She served as Assistant Sgt. at Arms at Department Conventions. She chaired the Cancer Research and VA&R Committees, Vice President and is currently serving as Department of Texas President.

Mary is a member of Live Oak Missionary Baptist Church in Galveston, Texas, and serves on the Communion Committee, Kitchen Committee and Pastor Support Ministry. She and her husband Connie have one daughter, Stacey Hill. Stacey's husband Harlan is actively serving his country as a Naval Officer. Stacey and Harlan have one son, Christopher. All are stationed in Hawaii.

Mary retired from the University Of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, after 40 years of service in the Rehabilitation Services Department. Her hobbies are crocheting, knitting, cake decorating, floral designs, scrapbooking, creative card making. She also enjoys playing Bingo and Billiards. Her nickname is Cookie

Community Achievements

Life Time Achievement Image Award-Edwards Ministerial Association
Profile of Women-Beta Phi Omega Chapter-Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc
Mentor for NIA Cultural Center Inc. Girls Rites of Passage
Mother of the Year Award-Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc Alpha Theta Sigma Chapter
March of Dimes Walk of America - 10 Miles
Member of Sarah's Court #1 Heroine of Jericho
Member of Oleander Chapter American Business Woman Associate
Cub Scout Troop Den Mother -Live Oak Baptist Church
Assistant Team Manager - Lassie League Girl Soft Ball
Owned and operated S & S Vending