



NEW YORK STATE SENATE

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VETERANS' HALL OF FAME

GAYELLE MARIE FELIX

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Gayelle Marie Felix is a registered nurse and veteran who served the United States Army Reserve as a military nurse. Her military career expanded from 1990 to 1998, where she worked in various clinical settings. Ms. Felix's time in the military as a soldier and nurse was commendable. Her commitment to her work, along with strong leadership and community skills, made it easy for her to pave her way to success.

In addition to her EMT Certification and Practical Nurse license from the United States Army, Fort Sam Houston, Ms. Felix received an Associate's degree in Nursing in 1994 from the Helene Fuld College of Nursing in New York City. In 2001, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northwood University with a Baccalaureate degree in Business, majoring in health care management. This allowed her to gain additional expertise in the healthcare field.

During 1990 and 1998, Ms. Felix's reserve unit was activated to serve her role as a military nurse. It was during this time that her passion for being a frontline nurse and caring for critical patients grew even stronger. With even more gusto and drive, she continued to carry out a number of nursing duties in New Jersey, New York City, North Carolina, and Germany. The tough nature of the job and the military environment helped develop Ms. Felix's skills.

She was able to learn how to manage, lead teams and carry out critical tasks with extreme professionalism and meticulousness. Even after leaving the military in 1998, she carried these skills into her life as a civilian. Ms. Felix continued her role as a nurse, working as a traveling registered nurse, specializing in Adult Critical Care Units. She worked for various clinics and hospitals in surgical, neurological, coronary care, cardiothoracic and trauma units.

When she is not in clinical settings, you can find Ms. Felix in her role as the president of her block association in Flatbush, Brooklyn. From winning community action grants, being engaged in neighborhood beautification projects and encouraging the preservation of culture, environment and neighborhood relationships, Ms. Felix has continued to serve her community relentlessly. To optimize her role as Block Association President, she has partnered with community organizations, including the 67th Precinct's Community Affairs, Neighborhood Housing Services, and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Ms. Felix's continuous efforts to promote sustainability and neighborhood improvements have been recognized by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. In recognition of her endeavors, she was awarded the 2018 National Grid Award for Leadership and Sustainability Practices. To continue her contributions to the nursing field, Ms. Felix completed the New York Operations of Emergency Management Services, a CERT program. Along with that, she earned her Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from Florida Southern College in 2018.

Ms. Felix resides in Flatbush, Brooklyn, with her two children and husband of 10 years, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel.



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