

Tanna Shepherd
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My name is Tanna Shepherd. I am the youngest of six children—five girls and one boy. I grew up in the small town of Shelburn, Indiana. I graduated from North Central High School in Farmersburg, Indiana, and continued my studies at Vincennes University and Ivy Tech in Terre Haute, Indiana.

My husband, Tim, and I live in Greene County, Indiana. I have two children: our daughter Brittany, who is married to Randy, and our son Justin, who is married to Alli. We are proud grandparents to four grandsons—Owen, Kade, Micah, and Hayes.

My eligibility in the American Legion Auxiliary comes through my father, Robert H. Thompson, who served in the US Navy during World War II. He was a past post commander of Stewart-Norris Post 197 in Shelburn, Indiana. My brother, Jimmy, also served in the Marines. My mother, Bertha (Babe) Thompson, served as Department President in 1993-1994. Mom's theme centered on caring and sharing our love for God and country, symbolized by a bear.

I am excited to be the first 2nd generation Department President representing the Department of Indiana.

I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 60 years and have served in most offices and chairmanships at the Unit (197), District (7), and Department levels.

For thirty-three years, I have worked as the office manager at Jay's Autoworld in Sullivan, Indiana.

I am very active in my church, Sullivan First Christian Church. I participate in the ladies' missionary Unit 7, assist with cooking meals, work with the youth, and help with Operation Christmas Child.

My husband works in the autobody restoration business, and as a result, we own a couple of muscle cars. My personal favorite is a 1966 black Mustang convertible. We enjoy attending car shows when possible. I also love supporting my grandsons in their various sports—baseball, football, soccer, basketball, archery, and racing dirt bikes and ATVs. Above all, I cherish spending time with my family, my church community, and my American Legion family.