



**Chief Marina Rabinek, USN (Ret), West Coast Regional Director,
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Marina Rabinek is a teal-haired bilingual Super Connector, master networker, and 24-year U.S. Navy veteran. She is currently a graduate student pursuing her Executive Master of Public Service and Administration (EMPSA) degree with a track in nonprofit management at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. Marina plans to utilize her EMPSA to assist her in contributing to more policy changes for military women. Her areas of expertise include nonprofit organizations (marketing, outreach, and strategic partnership development), women veterans, and advocacy for the military community.

Her passion for public service and the nonprofit space stems from her desire to serve others. Marina is the West Coast Regional Director for the nonprofit FourBlock, whose Career Readiness Program equips transitioning service members and veterans with the tools they need to develop professional knowledge and build the relationships necessary to successfully transition to meaningful civilian careers by partnering with top companies across the country.

From 1997 to 2021, Marina had a 24-year career in the U.S. Navy. She retired as a Chief Petty Officer, serving in various leadership positions on warships, land-based units, and as EO/Diversity and Inclusion Director. Marina's military awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and both the Global War on Terrorism Service and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medals.

Rabinek earned a bachelor's in organizational management (2007 – Magna cum Laude) from Ashford University. In 2021 and 2022, she was selected as a panelist for the San Diego Military Summit and has been a guest on multiple veteran-focused podcasts. Earlier this year, she was selected as a Focus *Forward* Fellow with the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University. Marina is the Founder and President of Military Women's Collective, a women-veteran-focused nonprofit that mentors, empowers, and supports military women throughout their careers in the Armed Services.

She, her husband Joshua, their daughter and three cats live in Southern California. When she isn't taking California road trips or hanging out playing video and board games with her husband and daughter, you can find her collaborating with local and national nonprofits and advocating for women veterans.