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### **Brandon Salutes Formally Salutes Gayle Raynor**

Gayle Raynor is the fifth recipient of a Brandon Salutes "Salute" recognizing the significant contributions and volunteer efforts made toward building a strong and healthy community and strengthening the ties between the military and civilian communities.

Gayle is the founder of the Military Wives Sisterhood. This is a non-profit organization based out of Brandon. Their mission statement is: "To provide empathetic support and friendship which also offers access to information services and community resources." Their motto is "Home . . . but not alone." Gayle has worked diligently to coordinate a plethora of of guest speakers from the Brandon and Westman area to speak to the group in guided monthly meetings. Speakers such as Dr. Ron Richert who counsels on grief, the AJAG, SISIP, OSISS, MFRC, Veterans Affairs, the BPSO, Elspeth Reid Resource Centre, and more have all provided these women with invaluable tools for their military life. Gayle is an excellent example of someone identifying a need and solving the problem proactively. Mrs. Raynor, also a military spouse herself, has ambitiously undertaken the job of providing all military wives with information and a venue where you can feel at home with all of the feelings felt during deployment.

Gayle is also responsible for the sponsorship fundraiser through Sobey's, where the yellow ribbon lawn signs were made available in a national chain of grocers to residents of Brandon and Westman at large.

Brandon Salutes Chairperson, George Haggerty will present Gayle with a certificate of "Salute" as formal recognition of the her significant contributions toward achieving Brandon Salute's mission: "to foster unity of the military and civilian communities in the Brandon area" today at 6:30pm at Applebee's during a Military Wives Sisterhood diner meeting.

*The **salute** is as old as history itself and is at once a greeting and a mark of respect. It is also a mark of trust and confidence and an act of courtesy, good manners and loyalty.*

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