

**Kathy Roth-Douquet**

CEO and Board President, Marine Corps (ret.) Spouse

Kathy Roth-Douquet is a non-profit executive, author, commentator, strategist, and attorney.

As Founder and CEO of Blue Star Families, she is a national spokesperson for military families. Kathy is a commentator on patriotism, civil-military affairs, the value of service, and the experience of military families. She has appeared on the Today Show, Fox and Friends, NPR, CNN, and other media outlets. Her work has appeared in magazines and newspapers across the country. She is a frequent speaker at universities, policy forums, military audiences, and civic groups. She is the co-author of two books, including *AWOL: The Unexcused Absence of America's Upper Classes from Military Service and How It Hurts Our Country*, (HarperCollins, 2006), with Frank Schaeffer.

Kathy has served in the White House and in the Department of Defense. Her recognitions include the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service the Chief of Staff of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Award. She is also a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Hall of Heroes, and received President George H. W. Bush's Daily Point of Light Award. She has served on a number of boards including Princeton University's Board of Trustees.

She holds or has held appointments to numerous government boards or commissions, including the Reserve Forces Policy Board at the Department of Defense reporting to the Secretary of Defense, and an advisory board to the Export-Import Bank of America, reporting to the Chair, as well as advisory board of the Small Business Administration and America250, planning the celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026.

Kathy is also a military- (and now veteran) spouse.

**Abbreviated:**

Kathy Roth-Douquet founder and CEO of Blue Star Families, the largest organization for military and veteran families in the nation. She is a national spokesperson for military-connected families and speaks widely on topics including civic engagement and patriotic service. Kathy serves on the Princeton University's Board of Trustees and holds appointments to the Reserve Forces Policy Board at the Department of Defense reporting to the Secretary of Defense, an advisory board to the Export-Import Bank of America, America250 (celebrating America's anniversary) and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor Society.