



Lee Washington is a Florida native of Punta Gorda, FL. He is an 11 year Veteran of the US Marine Corps, serving honorably as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant in many duty assignments throughout the United States and abroad, from 1987 -1998. His previous careers after discharge were as a personal bodyguard, mortgage banker with Bank of America and Fifth Third Bank.

Mr. Washington joined Manatee County Government in 2009 as a Veterans counselor and now leads the Veterans Service Division. Mr. Washington's office oversees federal, state and county benefits and advocacy for Manatee County's 40,000 Veterans and their families in part by providing public presentations to Veterans organizations and long term care facilities, also meeting with and providing public officials the documented impact Manatee County's Veterans have within the community. Manatee County Veterans

Services also provides one on one counseling with their customers to officially apply for their earned benefits.

He has a son, 3 daughters and two grandchildren. Mr. Washington was Manatee County's Employee of the Year 2013 and is a graduate of Leadership Manatee and an advisor to the Manatee County Veterans Council.