

# High-flying lawyer to attend military conference



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For nine days, Miami attorney **Susan Potter Norton** will be All That She Can Be. In the Army. Navy. And the Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.



Norton

She'll zoom around in a military jet, shoot an MP-5 submachine gun, sleep in the BOQ (Bachelor Officer Quarters) at Fort Bragg, land on an aircraft carrier, fly on a C-130 with parachutists from the 82nd Airborne who will make a jump, hit the high

seas on a 110-foot patrol boat, and attend briefings with bigwigs at the Pentagon.

Norton, 48, a labor lawyer with Allen, Norton & Blue and former chairwoman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, is attending the Defense Department's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference from April 24 to May 2.

Norton knows zip about the services. As a teen, she wanted to be a fighter pilot, but her dad shot down the idea. "My eyes weren't good enough."

This is her big chance. She'll join 59 men and women from across the

country in the prestigious 51-year-old program. Other invitees: a state senator from Hawaii; the editor-in chief of Forbes FYI; an Alabama rabbi; executive with the Islamic Society of North America; dean of Howard University's divinity school; and the CEO of the American Cancer Society.

The South Florida contingent includes **Cesar Alvarez**, 51, prez/CEO of Greenberg Traurig; **Jorge Arrizurieta**, 33, Huizenga Holdings VP of public affairs, and **Alberto Ibarquén**, 55, Herald publisher. They'll visit a Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Va.; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Schriever Air Force Base in Colo.; and Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Fee for the program is \$2,200.

**Rosa Sugranes**, 41, chairman of Iberia Tiles, attended last year. "Incredible." She donned night vision goggles at 10 p.m. in the North Carolina countryside to see 800 parachutists jump out of planes in a live-fire exercise — and witnessed a Stealth bomber refuel mid-air over Nevada. No Stealth bombers this year. Kosovo.