

JEAN CHAMBERS VANCE

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Appointed Chairman of the AAFSW Forum Committee on Concerns of FS Spouses and Families
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