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January is Mental Health Month Holidays are over Its Time to Recharge... Find Purpose... Volunteer

January 15th Martin Luther King Jr "A Day of Service"

Assemble Troop Boxes ~ Conduct Food Drives/Couponing ~ Support housing for Unsheltered Veterans ~ Fundraise for MAP (Military Assistance Program), Unmet Needs, & NVS (National Veterans Service) ~ Assist Caregivers ~ Valentines for VA Nursing Homes & Residents at Veterans Village in Ft. McCoy

Support President Teresa Bachand's SPECIAL PROJECT

Report this project under both

- PSP ~ a Dept. of Florida ONLY Program
- VFS ~a National Program

Support Women Veterans!!! SHE WEARS THE BOOTS

Promote Call Center, Connect them to Available BENEFITS & Eligibility Where they can Discuss issues like Maternity & Gynecological Care, Homelessness, <u>Infertility, Caregiver Support, Environmental Exposure, & Military Sexual Trauma</u>

Women Veterans In Crisis Call Veterans Crisis Line



Upcoming Events:

Jan 15th ~MLK Jr. Day of Service

Feb 4th ~Florida Auxiliary Appreciation Day

Feb 12th-17th ~National Mid - Winter Cruise ~ from Port Canaveral, Fl. 5 night Cruise to Cozumel & CocoCay Bahamas \$150 per Person Contact VFW Travel Service (VTS) Call 800-325-9377 to reserve a spot

Feb 22nd-25th~National President's Visit (held in the Ocala Area)

March 23rd ~ Veteran's Village Annual Picnic ~



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February ~<u>YEAR END REVIEW</u>~ Making Wishes Come True!!! "The Did You Do List"

✓ Did You Adopt a Military Family or a Troop for the Holidays ✓ Fundraise &/or Send Donations to National Veterans Service(NVS) or Military Map ✓ Did You Run Errands for Spouses & Caregivers ✓ Did You Volunteer Time & Services to Veterans Village Ft. McCoy ✓ Did You Support or Conduct Activities for Presidents Special Project Looking for your reports & checking it twice

Visit NVS to learn more - www.vfw.org/assistance/va-claims-separation-benefits Connect Service Officers to help Veterans & the Military with filing claims for disability, rehab, pension programs & death benefits as well as education, employment & training help navigate the VA to receive hospital & outpatient care, female veterans to receive specialized health care, alcohol & drug dependency programs, medical evaluation for disorders associated with military service, exposure to Agent Orange, radiation or other environmental hazards

These Service Officers deserve our support !!!!

March 13 is K9 Veterans Day – Honor our military dog's service ~ recognize our local organization that works with service dogs & veterans Like K9 for Warriors & Southeastern Guide Dogs Conduct a Dog Food & Supplies Drive & donate to a local shelter



March 29th is Vietnam Veterans Day- Be sure to tell our Vietnam Veterans "WELCOME HOME" Tell them you Appreciate them & THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE !!!

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