

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME:

**"GROWING STRONGER FOR
OUR VETERANS"**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME:

"SERVING AMERICA'S HEROES"

HEY THERE FLORIDA FAMILY!!! The Florida heat is upon us, so let's cool off with a game of "Did You Know". Always fun to learn !

Did you know ?????

Periwinkle (light lilac) is the color chosen to represent Esophageal Cancer ??

April is Esophageal Cancer Awareness month ??

Esophageal Cancer is linked to GERD, smoking and excessive alcoholic beverage consumption ??

Esophageal Cancer grows slowly and silently, with no noticeable symptoms for years ??

Esophageal Cancer is more prevalent among men than women ??

9 out of 10 Esophageal Cancers are diagnosed in those who are 55 years of age or older ??

All donations to the Department President's Special Project must be accompanied by a Contributions Report form which is available on the Department website ??

Did You Know?

The yellow ribbon tied around the red rose at the traditional Missing Man Table ceremony symbolizes the families' wait for answers ??

September is POW / MIA Month ??

An integral part of the Bring Them Home Project by the DPAA includes FRS which stands for Family Resource Sample. This includes gathering DNA from surviving family members to help with identification ??

Contributions to the Joint Project "Bring Them Home" should be reported under Veterans and Family Support and can be made through MALTA??

Have you decided what kind of fundraiser you're going to do? How about a "bag raffle" or a Quarter Auction? Maybe a special dinner with a silent auction or basket raffle?? REACH OUT to me if you need help / ideas. GO FOR THE RED HIBISCUS LEVEL!! TEAM WRIGHT!!

UNTIL NEXT TIME FLORIDA.....

REMEMBER NO ONE IN THIS FAMILY FIGHTS ALONE!!

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