

VFW VETERANS VILLAGE

Fort McCoy, Florida

22nd Annual Picnic 2023

13th Annual Golf Tournament

FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023

Ocala Municipal Golf Course
3130 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL

Cost \$65.00



Shotgun Start: 13:00

Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Cart and lunch 11:30-12:30 before tournament!

PICNIC

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023

10AM to 5PM (meal served 11:30-2:00)

TICKET DONATION \$12.00



Includes:

BBQ Meal & Entertainment

Cornhole Tournament

Bouncy House for Kids

Raffles and more...

Beverages Available

4-SALE: KENNY'S FAMOUS "BUCKETS" OF CHICKEN~

PLUS~ PORK BUTTS ~ After 2:30pm TO GO!!!

For Information call 352-236-0823 or visit our Website:

www.vfwveteransvillage.org

VFW Veterans Village
13005 NE 135TH STREET, FT. MC COY, FLORIDA 32134
Phone: 352-236-0823 Fax: 352-236-2493
Website: vfwveteransvillage.org

13th Annual Golf Tournament
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023
Location: Ocala Municipal Golf Course, Ocala
3130 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala



Fee: \$65.00 Per Player

Shotgun Start: 13:00

Lunch from 11:30-12:30 before tournament, Award Ceremony to Follow

FOURSOME SIGN-UP

Team Name: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Sign Up Your Team Soon.....Space is Limited



VFW VETERANS VILLAGE



13th Annual



Golf Tournament

Friday, March 24, 2023

GOLF SPONSOR OR HOLE SPONSOR FORM

Tournament Sponsor: \$100.00_____ (18x24 sign)

Paid: Check# _____

Paid: Cash _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Business/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Contact# _____

E-mail: _____

Wording on Sign: _____

Make Checks Payable To: VFW Veterans Village
Attention: Sharon 13005 NE 135th St. Fort McCoy, FL 32134
For Information Call 352-236-0823

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

ELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

- **Elect Delegates and Alternates using membership count as of the date of the election.**
- Elect delegates at a regular meeting held not less than 30 days before the beginning or the Department Convention. (April meeting) (Sec. 304 National Bylaws)
- Elect one delegate and one alternate for every 15 members or FRACTION thereof: (PER DEPARTMENT BY LAWS) (Sec 304 National Bylaws)
- (Example: Auxiliary has 100 members paid on the date of the election of delegates) 100 divided by 15 equals 6.67 - Auxiliary is entitled to 6 delegates plus 1 to represent the fraction thereof. Total delegates 7 plus President for a total of 8 Delegates.
- Auxiliary President is entitled to one vote. (In the absence of the Auxiliary President the Auxiliary Sr. Vice President or Auxiliary Jr. Vice President may cast the Auxiliary President's vote)
- Department Elected Officers, Past Department Presidents, and District Presidents that have their own vote are required to pay delegate fees. In the event that your Auxiliary is paying delegate fees for any of these officers, please list these names separately and include delegate fee in check.
- **Delegate fee: \$5.00 per delegate** (There is no fee for alternates)
- Delegate **LIST and CHECK must** be sent to the **Department Treasurer, LINDA BURNETTE, P.O. BOX 7359, HUDSON, FL 34674.** **Delegate list and checks must be in the hands of the Department by Treasurer May 31, 2023.**
- Late mailings may result in an Auxiliary being required to pay delegate fees at the convention, so that delegates can register and vote
- Auxiliary **must pay** delegate fees for **ALL delegates** the Auxiliary is entitled to, even if only one delegate (or no delegates) plan to attend the convention. (Per National Bylaws – Sec 304)
- Make all checks for Delegate fees payable to: VFWA or VFW Auxiliary.
- AUDITS: Must be in the hands of the Department Treasurer in order for Auxiliary delegates to vote at the Department Convention.
- The term of office for an elected delegate shall be for one year from the date of election, until the election of new delegates (Sec. 304) National Bylaws

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

AUX. #: _____ DISTRICT #: _____ # MEMBERS: _____ DATE OF ELECTION:

TO: DEPARTMENT TREASURER

LINDA BURNETTE
P.O. BOX 7359
HUDSON, FL 34674

This is to certify that the Delegates and Alternates listed below have been duly elected to represent our Auxiliary at the Department Convention that will be held June 15 - 18, 2023.

Auxiliary President @ \$5.00	
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
_____	_____
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NOTE: If additional space is needed you may either run a copy of this form or put names on an additional (blank) sheet of paper.

Auxiliary President Signature

Auxiliary Secretary Signature

Per Department of Florida Bylaws each Auxiliary is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for every fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof, as of the date of election of delegates. Delegate fees are \$5.00 per delegate. Delegate fees must be paid prior to an Auxiliary being able to vote at the Department Convention. Checks and Delegate lists must be sent to: Department Treasurer LINDA BURNETTE by May 31, 2023.



Champion for Veterans

President Cindy Estell's Motto "Strong People stand up for themselves, but Stronger people stand up for others". She has certainly done this for our Department and our Veterans.

Now it is time to show her our love in the form of a

"LOVE GIFT"

To let her know how much she is appreciated.

Please send your "Love Gift" to:

Linda Burnette, Department Treasurer
P. O. Box 7359
Hudson, FL 34674-7359

Please earmark your check **"Department President's Love Gift"**

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Teresa Bachand

Department Senior Vice President

AMERICANISM

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“Champion for Veterans with Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care”



Entry Form **must be to me by**
March 31, 2023 for the

**OUTSTANDING
PATRIOTIC EVENT**

Email: debragates1@gmail.com

Show your communities your pride and dedication for all our Veterans!

**Host a POW/MIA
ceremony to both
educate the public and
honor these special
veterans.**



Auxiliary Patriotism



Showing Proper Respect for the Altar & Bible

- Members will remain seated while the Chaplain opens and closes the Bible, provided the Colors are not at the Altar.
- Whenever the Chaplain is opening and closing the Bible, everyone should stop all movement and talking.
- Members will not cross between the President's station and the Altar, as this is considered sacred ground symbolizing where our Comrades who have answered the final roll call are at rest. However, when the Bible is closed, members may pass through this area.

AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

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So, what have we learned this year?

- **Dos and Don'ts of this program**
- **We've learned what is considered Auxiliary Outreach**
- **We've learned it is all about VOLUNTEERING & PARTNERING**
- **We've learned what S. A. V. E. R. stands for**
- **We've learned there must be a motion passed on the Auxiliary floor**
- **And we've learned it's not about money donated or spent.**

So, what's left to do?

- **That's the easiest part of this program actually**
- **You just need to send me pictures AND report what exciting things you did.**
- **If you weren't on the list of Auxiliaries that have sent me pictures, it's not too late!**
- **Send me your pictures just like the ones below:**





National Home for Children & "Buddy"® Poppy



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2022-2023 Year End Reporting – Get your reports in by 3/31/2023.

If you have not reported time is running out

"Buddy"® Poppy

1. Did your Auxiliary use materials/resources from the Buddy Poppy resources on the National VFW Auxiliary website.
2. Did your Auxiliary hold Buddy Poppy drives at your VFW Post
3. Did your Auxiliary hold Buddy Poppy drives without their VFW Post at another location.
4. How many Buddy Poppies were distributed.
5. Did you report your Auxiliary participating in the Buddy Poppy Display Contest.



*May good luck be with you
Wherever you go,
And your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow.*

National Home for Children

1. Did you utilize any of the National Home material/resources on the VFW National Home website.
2. Did your Auxiliary promote the National Home for Children
3. Did your Auxiliary promote the helpline number 800.313.4200
4. Lifetime membership did your auxiliary purchase, how many members in your Auxiliary purchased lifetime membership, did your post purchase.
5. Did your Auxiliary purchase a Tribute Brick at the National Home

Thank you, members, for all you dedication to the Buddy Poppy & National Home for Children, it's been a great year of serving, sharing, and meeting new auxiliary members. May you continue to have a special "Heart to serve and Hands to help serve our special Veterans and families.

Approved by:
Department President, Cindy Estell

Betty A. Bailey, Chairman
bann652@aol.com

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Department President's Special Project **PAWS FOR VETERANS**

CHAMPIONS FOR VETERANS



CUT-OFF DATE FOR DONATIONS IS: 30 APRIL 2023



There is STILL Time to Make the Magic Happen!



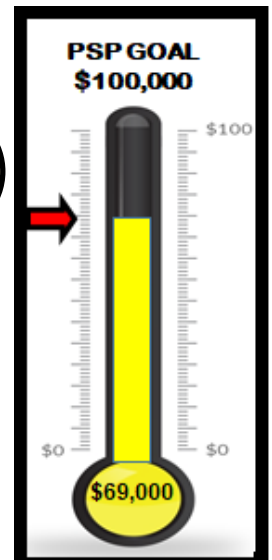
**LET'S MAKE
FLORIDA
SHINE!**



I Am SO Proud of ALL of You!

The VFW Department of Florida Auxiliary raised over \$40K during its Mid-Winter Convention last month! Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm is making our Department President's Special Project a very successful campaign! Your effort gives freedom and hope to the people who need it most...

OUR VETTRANS!

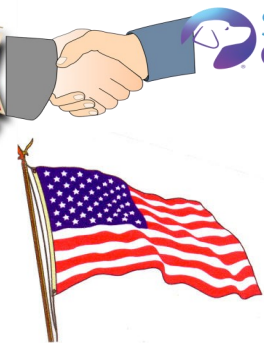


DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY AWARDS

VFW Auxiliaries Who Raise and Donate will Receive the Following Awards:

Paw of Courage Award	Up to \$599
Champion Award	\$600-\$999
Best in Show Award	\$1000 or more

Did You Remember to Report?



**Southeastern
GUIDE DOGS**

THE BOTTOM LINE!

- ♦ We need a little over \$30K to achieve our goal...
\$100K
- ♦ We have three months remaining to
"HIT THAT MARK!"



WE CAN DO THIS!!!

Department PSP Chairman—
Bob Kabala rkabala@tampabay.rr.com

Approved by:
Department President, Cindy Estell

EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

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Suspension Revitalizing an Auxiliary



Auxiliary (Car)

- ❖ Is your Auxiliary struggling to keep its engine running? (Audits not completed, etc.)
- ❖ Does your Auxiliary's engine keep sputtering and backfiring? (not enough members for quorum)
- ❖ Does your Auxiliary no longer have it's "get up and go"? (no participation)
- ❖ Is your Auxiliary no longer driving like it used to? (not holding meetings)

**It's time for a
Tune-Up**



National President (Head Mechanic)

If your Auxiliary (car) is in need of a tune-up, the Lead Technician (Department President) will ask the Head Mechanic (National President) to order a suspension (tune-up) of the Auxiliary. The Department President will appoint a suspension committee (mechanics). It's time to go to the shop for for a tune-up (training and guidance)



Suspension Committee (Mechanics)

- ❖ While your Auxiliary is in the shop (suspended) for it's tune-up, the suspension committee will work with the officers and members by explaining and encouraging them to follow proper maintenance techniques (the Bylaws).
- ❖ The mechanics (suspension committee) will give assistance to the Auxiliary and report back to the Lead Technician (Department President) with recommendations for fixing the issues that are hindering the Auxiliary.



Suspension Lifted Back on the road to being a Healthy Auxiliary

After the tune-up (suspension is lifted) is complete, the Auxiliary should be able to resume their work of assisting veterans and their families. Suspension is not a "bad" word; it only means that the suspended Auxiliary is getting the maintenance it needs to repair any issues so that it is not sent to the junk yard (charter canceled).

Proper maintenance allows the Auxiliary to get back on the road and continue working our Programs within their communities.



Historian and Media Relations

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The scoop of the day

Our Florida Auxiliary Department Officers were in attendance when National President Jane Reape visited our great State of Florida on February 4-5, 2023, in North Apollo Beach and Riverview.



Florida Department Officers with National President Jane Reape

L-R: PNP Jean Hamil, PDP Debbie McCollum (back), Guard Margaret Rementer, Chief of Staff and PDP Tela Harbold (back), Secretary Leona McDermott, Chaplain Mike Yates (back), National President Jane Reape, Department President Cindy Estell, PDP Maggie Gilchrist (sitting), Junior Vice President Teresa Bachand (back), Conductress Kathy Wright, Junior Vice President Virginia Brehmer (back), Treasurer and PDP Linda Burnett



President Cindy shows off her Special Project, Southeastern Guide Dogs
L-R: Chairman Bob Kabal, Department President Cindy, and National President Jane Reape

These are examples of how you can make your publications look more professional and complement each other.

Themes and styles also keep your document, charts, and SmartArt graphics to match.

The scoop of the month

This year is flying by too quickly! Now is the time for our Auxiliaries to recognize someone in your community by awarding them the *Communications Award*. This award is for outstanding news coverage that was submitted about our VFW Auxiliaries (i.e., newspaper, magazine, television, videos, etc.). This downloadable award can be found on our web under Publicity Tools/Press Releases/Communications Award/Certificate of Recognition for Local Media. What a wonderful why to let the media know that we appreciate everything that they do to assist us in providing information on our wonderful Auxiliary. Let them know how much we appreciate them!

There are six important deadlines coming up for photographs to be taken:

March 31 - [Illustrating America](#)

March 31 - [Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest](#)

March 31 - [3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest](#)

March 31 - [Get Excited For the Red, White & Blue!](#)

April 30 - [The VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"](#)

HAPPY EASTER



Easter is just around the corner and it is time to count our blessings and share those blessings with our Veterans.

- Have you thought about volunteering at the hospital to show our veterans how much we care and love them?
- How about the veterans in nursing homes, or those that are stuck at home and have no family.
- **Valentines for Veteran's** is a great way to show how much the VFW Auxiliary care.
- Show the love by doing a Easter Cookie run where you can drop off an Easter cookie and a handmade or store bought card. You could have an Easter brunch or early dinner for Veterans that can come to your post. Maybe deliver a brunch or afternoon dinner to the home of a veteran that can't get out. There are many ways to show your love for the veterans.
- What are the ways your post has showed the Veterans that we CARE?

It is the duty of the VFW Auxiliary Honors Escort

to show respect for our fallen Veteran and their family. While showing this respect you have the opportunity to openly show other veterans and the medical facility staff or nursing staff how much we appreciate the time they served our country. Ask the other Veterans and the medical staff to participate in this display of reverence for our veteran. Has your auxiliary set this up with a medical facility or nursing home near you?

This link <https://youtu.be/VRbHRRJeFig> will show you how a Honors escort is done.



Volunteerism Is a job that can sometimes be arduous and rewarding. It can boost your self esteem and life satisfaction.

Volunteering in a hospital setting is an act of kindness of someone's time. They may be trained in this field or not.

- What has your Auxiliary done to promote Volunteerism?
- How have you **recognized** that volunteer?
- How has your Auxiliary **supported** that volunteer?

Sometimes a Volunteer needs to talk or needs to talk to someone about what they saw or did that day. Listening; a gift of gratitude or a simple thank you go a long way for anyone.

Have you recognized that volunteer?

Women Health Care Act was signed in 1992.

It is important that the VFW Auxiliary speak out about the Comprehensive Health Care and unique services that the VA now offers to women veterans.

- Has your Auxiliary given out information on how to file a claim with the VA?
 - Have you shown our women veterans the services that are now offered for the female Veteran?
- ⇒ Screening-Cervical and Breast Cancer and STD'S
- ⇒ Mental Health-Sexual and other trauma received during service to our country.
- ⇒ Health issues related to service for our country.
- ⇒ Homeless women's program



Go to <https://VA.gov> for more information and printable brochures.

Legislative

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"The VFW has played an instrumental role in nearly every piece of Veterans' legislation passed since the beginning of the 20th century. Everything we do on Capitol Hill is with the VFW's Priority Goals and Veterans' well-being in mind."

The 2023 VFW Legislative Conference will be held March 5-9, 2023.

<https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/2023-vfw-legislative-conference>

*Time is going by fast,
Please take time
to Report!*



DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. **Most Outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.**
 - Special Award to one (1) Auxiliary in each of the four (4) membership classes.

Criteria and entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2023.

NATIONAL AWARDS: AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. **Most Outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.**
 - Citation to every Auxiliary that maintains a consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.

Criteria and entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2023. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the **Most outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.**

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

Champion for Veterans

Membership

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Florida **Mission is Possible** on January 27, 2023, Department of Florida reached 100%

The year isn't over, still time to grow Membership

- **Get the word out.**
- **Create a Video about Membership.**
- **Post videos on Facebook.**
- **Have a membership drive at your event/fundraisers.**
- **Write an article in a community newspaper or magazine.**
- **Share what your Auxiliary does for Veterans & Families.**
- **Always carry a Membership application with you.**
- **Just ask....Are you eligible to join our VFW Auxiliary?**
- **Learn the recruiting tips.**
- **Share the Benefits we offer our members.**
- **By joining the VFW Auxiliary, they honor their Veteran.**

Use MALTA for Membership

Help all Members set-up a Malta account, teach how to use it.

"Hands that Serve Hearts that Care"

"Champion for Veterans"

Give the gift of Membership for a family member or friend.

Remember our current members are Volunteers.

Always include them, invite them, and "thank" them.

Volunteers are the Heartbeat of your Auxiliary.



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS



Information on Membership:

Department of Florida: vfwauxfl.org

National: vfwauxiliary.org

Approved by:
Department President, Cindy Estell

Jeanne F. Laurine
Jeannelaurine5@gmail.com

Mentoring for Leadership

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All you really have to do is CARE

- C:** Catch the member when they first join.
- A:** Ask them to participate.
- R:** Remember what it felt like to be new.
- E:** Engage them in a program that fits them.

Awards

Please go to the Department website and review the awards list. The National and Department awards are listed.

Download the form and fill it out for the appropriate award. The completed entry must be in my hands by March 31, 2023. Anything after will not be eligible.

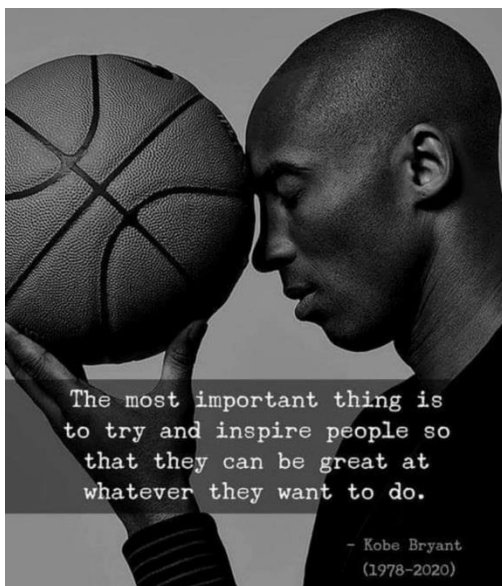
Make sure you report all your great works, it inspires your Auxiliary and others!

April Elections bring in New Officers

It's never too early to think about who will lead our Auxiliaries

- ❖ Ideally you have a person that has been learning through the chairs (or a few of the chairs), loves our Organization, and is open to learning as they grow. It's extremely helpful if they have read the Podium book also!
- ❖ Officers should be elected by ability or knowledge, not because no one else would do it, or they are the clicks favorite. Hopefully as a healthy Auxiliary you don't have clicks!
- ❖ Every new Officer should have a Mentor/someone that they can go to for information, guidance and sometimes just a sounding board.
- ❖ Encourage all members to attend the District and Department meetings. You can learn lots of stuff and develop great friendships!

Always be a Mentor!



Molly the Mentor
Star
Wishes everyone
good luck.

Approved by:
Department President, Cindy Estell

Debbie McCollum, Chairman
Ucfnole21@yahoo.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Your Auxiliary is eligible to win National and Department Awards for the best promotion of the new Three-D Patriotic Art Scholarship Contest!

DEPARTMENT:

- ◆ Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the four Membership classes for the Most Outstanding Promotion. Submit to the Department Scholarship Chairman by 3/31/23
- ◆ Special Award to an Auxiliary for the most Outstanding fundraising event/program for the 'Fund the Artist of Tomorrow' fund.

NATIONAL:

- ◆ Most outstanding promotion and/or participation of the Patriotic 3-D Art Contest.
- ◆ Citation to every Auxiliary that promotes and/or participates in the 3-D Patriotic Art Contest.
- ◆ Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding promotion and/or participation in the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IS ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBPAGE UNDER SCHOLARSHIPS. ALL THE CRITERIA, ALL THE FORMS, ALL THE DEADLINES AND MORE!

Visit: www.vfwauxfl.org



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- ⇒ **The submission deadline for the Patriotic Art Scholarships is MARCH 31, 2023!**
- ⇒ **Have you reached out to local schools and other youth groups to let them know about these scholarships and have you checked back to remind them??**
- ⇒ **Have you reported your efforts and activities on the Department website? (www.auxfl.org)**
- ⇒ **Do you have your judges set up and ready? Deadline to submit projects to me is April 15, 2023**

Artwork must be carefully wrapped and mailed to:

Natalie Dolan, 705 Gulf Aire Drive, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456, by April 15, 2023. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. (315) 345-3445 or email NatalieDolan21@gmail.com

"Strong people stand up for themselves, but stronger people stand up for others"

Approved by: Department President Cindy Estell

Natalie Dolan nataliedolan21@gmail.com

Veterans & Family Support

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"Helping Veterans, Service Members and Their Families Turn the Corner."

ATTENTION.....Address Correction:

My mailing address in the directory is incorrect, this is my correct address:

Roger Ingall, Department VFS Chairman
P.O. Box 4644
Homosassa Springs, FL 34447

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries who worked so hard this year on Veterans & Family Support programs!
You all Rock!



Department Special Awards for Auxiliaries:

1. Most Outstanding activity/or event that supports veteran, military, and family caregivers.

- Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Membership Classes with the Most Outstanding activity and/or event that supports veteran, military, and family caregivers.

Criteria and entry form (required) at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries are to send entry forms(required) to the Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2023.

2. Most Outstanding activity and/or event that increases awareness of homeless Veterans.

- Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Membership Classes with the Most Outstanding activity and/or event that increases awareness of homeless Veterans.

Criteria and entry form (required) at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries are to send entry forms(required) to the Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2023.

National Awards:

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that supports veteran, military, and family caregivers.

Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries are to send entry form to their Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2023.

- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event that supports veteran, military, and family caregivers.

Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

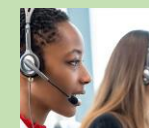
- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event to increase awareness of homeless veterans.

Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

Auxiliaries are to send entry form to their Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2023.

- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event that increases awareness of homeless veterans.

Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.



VA Caregiver Support Line
☎ 1-855-260-3274 (toll-free)
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. ET
Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. ET



Approved by:
Department President, Cindy Estell

Roger Ingall Veterans & Family Support Chairman
Shanily.04@gmail.com

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

"Champion for Veterans"

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"Hearts that Serve, Hearts that Care"

February 2023

"Aye, my friends, this is no Blarney!"

Contest deadline

March 31ST, 2023 to Your Auxiliaries



Youth Activities Award for

Auxiliaries #1 Entry Form:

Deadline – March 31, 2023

"GRAVE BEAUTIFICATION" PROJECT

Send me your entry form and log of your project, including:

- Names of Cemeteries
- Names of Veterans
- Grave pictures before and after
- Your Story of cleaning graves
- Flag placement

Did you recognize our youth in any of the following ways?

- A banquet dinner, awards and prizes to our youth?
- Patriotic Youth Awards?
- Youth Groups Supporting Veteran Citations?
- Did you support our Patriotic Literacy Program?

Get excited for the Red, White and Blue Singing Contest

Illustrating America Art Contest

- Collect your contest entries from students
- Deadline to Auxiliary March 31, 2023
- Judge your entries, pick your 1st place entry
- Send winning entry to me by my deadline
- Deadline to Dept. Chairman April 15, 2023

Mail your contest winner to:

Sandi Hendriks
311 Waterford Heights
Debary, FL 32713
Call with questions:
386-748-1186

REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!!!

- Get all your reports in by the deadline April 15th
- Reporting site - www.vfwauxfl.org
- Send me pictures of projects to correspond with your reports.
- Reporting goes from April 16, 2022 to April 15, 2023 – Please, don't wait until the last day.
- The Website shuts down on April 15th

Thank you for helping me promote and work our Youth Program, it's been an honor to work with each and every one of you!

Good Job!