



SUNSHINE E-NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

School of Instruction

Over 200 members and officers was opened for a question and gathered at the Florida Hotel in answer period.

Orlando to learn about the workings The programs were presented in a of the Auxiliary. The theme of the little different manner this year. weekend was Disney Prince and Instead of doing presentations, the Princesses. After the Council of programs were presented at the Administration meeting, workshops the program fair which lasted the entire were held for Auxiliary President's, day Saturday. Chairmen presented Roles and Duties of Officers, and the programs and distribute Trustees. The following day information about their program one workshops were held for -on-one with the members. Leadership, Secretary, Treasurer, Members enjoyed the chance to ask and the Program Advisor. The floor specific questions.



Betty Bailly, Hospital



Pauline Riddle, Americanism



Department Chairmen



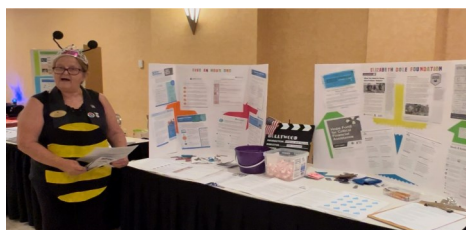
Officers as Disney Prince and Princesses



Ann Batson,
Scholarship



Scott Riddle, Buddy Poppy National
Home



Jean Lockwood,
Veterans and Family Support

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Karen Heikkila, Historian and Media Relations



Sandi Hendrik, Auxiliary Outreach



Jodi Nerney, Dept President's Special Project



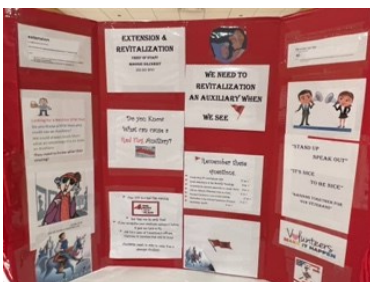
Maggie Gilchrist, Mentoring for Leadership



Jeanne Laurine, Legislative



Mary Ellen Cash, Patriotic



Maggie Gilchrist, Extension and Revitalization



Barbara Anderson, Youth



Kelly Barr, Membership



Buddy Poppy Winners—100th Anniversary Contest
(left) 1st Place—Auxiliary 7122, (center) 2nd Place—Auxiliary 8205, (right) 3rd Place—Auxiliary 4412

Program Reporting

Reporting site is open for reports. Reports can be entered for events or activities held from April 16, 2023. Any member may enter reports but please make sure no one else has entered the report before you do.

To enter the reporting site:

1. Go to Dept. Auxiliary website: www.vfwauxfl.org
2. Select the Login option from top menu.

3. Select members only from the drop down menu.

4. Enter your membership # (same you use in MALTA)
5. Password is your last name (not case sensitive)
5. If you cannot get in, contact Dept. Secretary Debbie Tilley (dktilley@comcast.net)
7. Remember you can only report one program at a time. If the event/activity can be

reported in more than one program complete the first program then enter the next program. Remember that numbers (#hrs, #miles, #members, etc.) can only be entered into one program or they must be split.

8. If you need help with reporting contact Program Advisor Tela Harbold (winkingstar@aol.com)

One-Sentence Why

What is a One-Sentence Why? It is your reason for being a member of the VFW Auxiliary in one sentence.

National is gathering One-Sentence Whys to include in the September 14 E-Newsletter or on social media in honor of the 109th birthday of the VFW Auxiliary.

To submit your One-Sentence Why, email them to info@vfwauxiliary.org or post to social media using the hashtag #VFWAuxOneSentenceWhy. Be sure to include your name, Auxiliary number and Department. You may include photos of yourself and/or the veteran under whom you joined.

Let's see a lot of One-Sentence Whys from Florida in the E-newsletter or on social media.

National Ruling

According to a National Memo dated August 14, 2023, *payment by credit and/or debit card.*

Auxiliaries are **not** allowed to accept payment by PayPal or Venmo at this time.

National has ruled that PayPal and Venmo do not fall into the category of credit/debit cards so

Sec. 813A, 8th bullet states "An they will not be allowed at this *Auxiliary may vote to accept* time."

Fall Conference Dates Set

Fall Conference will be held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center October 20-22. Rooms are \$121 plus tax. Make your reservations soon as they fill up fast. Mention VFW Fall Meeting when making your reservations.

Wooden Flag Raffle

For Dept President's Special Project

\$5 each or \$10 for 3

300 Tickets Available

(Tickets Available at Fall Conference and Mid-Winter Conference)

Drawing at June Convention

Auxiliaries at Work



VFW and Auxiliary Post #7721 Golden Gate hosted the surprise 80th birthday gathering life-time member Wayne O. Smith, USAF Fighter Pilot and former guest at the Hanoi Hilton for five years and two months.

In attendance was his wife, Auxiliary Jr. Vice Lois Bolin, his children, their neighbors, several elected officials along with numerous Post #7721 members. A special surprise was when the Collier County Sheriff's Office Aviation Bureau sent their Bell UH-1H (more commonly known as a Vietnam-era Huey) for a special flyover complete with the American flag waving beautifully in the wind. It was a sight to behold and, everyone was beyond delighted. This was Captain Smith's first surprise birthday party.



Honor Guard and Auxiliary participated in presentations of a new flag and a gifts of money for the Cables new home. They also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and ceremony



Stoney Lawrentz and Chris Benson of VFW Auxiliary 2550 Dunedin set up a table to collect donations for the Back Pack Lady program and the VFW National Home Welcome Center Renovation Center at the Cars and Coffee 2 Year Anniversary. They also distributed Buddy Poppies.



VFW Auxiliary Post 8093

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Kathy Mosley, life member of Post 8093 presenting a patriotic lap robe to our honor guard member David Pinto-Pinsante .

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VFW Auxiliary Post 4493 BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE! Volunteering and Partnering with schools and other Non-Profit Groups is how we reach our Auxiliary Out Reach Goals! Kristy Jordan, Lake Weir High School Office Front Desk, Attendant took a moment from her busy desk to accept these items for students in need of school supply assistance