



# SUNSHINE E-NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## Christmas in October

The theme for Fall Conference 2022 was Christmas in October. The Conference commenced with the Council of Administration meeting on Friday followed by session on Reporting and websites. Saturday started off with dying the hotel fountain pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Program

chairman took the theme to heart as they dressed in holiday outfits for their program presentations. At one point, the VFW representative came into the meeting to help collect donations to aid those affected by Hurricane Ian. The conference concluded with the joint VFW/VFWA POW/MIA program and announcement of Buddy Poppy winners.



## Meet the Officers



Our officers at Southern Conference in Asheville, NC.

Front seated: President Cindy Estell  
 Second Row (l-r): Kathy Wright (Conductress), Mike Yates (Chaplain), Tela Harbold (Chief of Staff), Margaret Rementer (Guard), Ginger Brehmer (Jr. Vice President), Teresa Bachand (Sr. Vice President).

## Special Donation from Cub Scouts Pack 210

Each year the Cub Scout Pack into selling to family and VFWA Post 4254 and Ray donates money back to the friends. The Cub Scout Pack Carpenter Youth Program community to help people in had set of goal of to selling chairman for VFWA Post 4254 their time of need. This year fifteen thousand dollars in at the monthly pack meeting on Cub Scoutmaster Sarah popcorn. They have reached October 20, 2022. Auxiliary Trate, committee members and that goal and has exceeded the 4254 has forwarded \$1,000 of the scouts of Pack 210 decided goal. The Cub Scouts this donation to the Department to donate money help their presented the check to Carol Disaster Fund. Charter Organization the VFW Price Jr Vice President of

Auxiliary Post 4254 after Hurricane Ian. The Cub Scout raised the money thru their popcorn sales this year. BSA Pack 210 consists of 11 boys and girls. The kids with adult supervision have put in a minimum of 88 hours in store front selling which does not include what time they have put





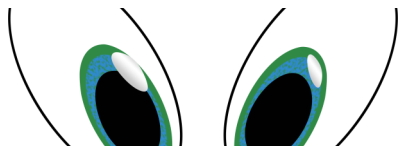


## Department President Special Project

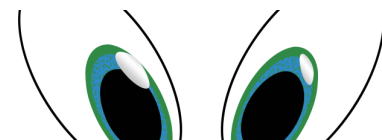
At the Fall Conference, Districts and Auxiliaries were asked to donate Christmas trees and wreaths for raffle with proceeds to Department President's Special Project. Over 33 Christmas displays brought in over \$1,500. Thank you to all the Districts and Auxiliaries that participated.



*Note: most of the pictures in this issue were from Karen Heikkila and Robert Sisson.*



## Looking Forward



Mark your calendars for the following events:

- January 20-22, 2023  
Department Mid Winter Conference at West Lakes Resort in Orlando. Reservations \$99 plus tax or 2 bedroom suite \$159 plus tax. Call 877-502-7058 option 3, 1 group code 66-878. The theme is Mardi Gras. There will be a



Mardi Gras Mask Contest. See flyer on website on latest news.

- February 4-7, 2023  
National President Jane Reape's official visit. More details to come.



- March 31- April 1, 2023  
Department President Cindy Estell's homecoming at Safety Harbor Resort and Spa on Tampa Bay. Rooms

\$149 per night with additional \$10 for 3rd and 4th person in room Call 727-726-1161 ask for in-house reservations (ext. 7900) and refer to group #3907E7. Hotel reservations must be made by March 29, 2023. Dinner reservations must be made with Tela Harbold (winkingstar@aol.com) by March 27.



Q. Do we have to pay District dues?

A. According to Article V, Sec 506—District Dues the delegates ... may access annual dues not to exceed fifty cents per member per

Auxiliary. Dues are based on June 30 membership. Dues should be remitted by September 30.

Q. Does an applicant always need to provide proof of eligibility?

A. According to Article 1, Sec 109 third bullet, "Applicants whose eligibility is already a member of that Post need not show proof of eligibility." And Article 1, Sec. 106 "Applicants who wish to transfer between Auxiliaries

need not show proof of eligibility but must instead provide their current membership card...."

Q. How many trustees sign the audit?

A. According to Article VIII, Sec 814 "All audits are to be completed by the elected Trustees with a minimum of two (2) in attendance. At least one (1) must be an elected Trustee.

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