



SUNSHINE E-NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas



From:

VFW Auxiliary Department of Florida
Line Officers

Cindy, (seated)
Standing L-R: Kathy, Mike, Tela,
Margaret, Ginger, Teresa

HAPPY HAWAII

Meet Our Junior Vice President

Virginia 'Ginger' Brehmer



I first became an auxiliary member in the summer of 1998 under the eligibility of my husband Srgt. Thomas Brehmer who served five years in the Army. He is a Vietnam Veteran and a Purple Heart recipient of which I am very Proud. We were married in September of 1993. I became an active member around 2008 when I retired from the restaurant Business as an Assistant General Manager for Bob Evens. I spent 12 years prior to that as a manager at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. My husband and I have three

children between us. Two daughters and a son. We have five amazing Grandchildren from the ages of 2 to 21. Jordon, Camron, Lily Lou Joshua, And Maci May. Once retired, I thought that life would be all about the leisurely enjoyment of Florida and all that this beautiful state has to offer. That is when I was introduced to the Auxiliary meetings and started being educated on all that we do and stand for. And a new chapter and education in my life began.

I have had the honor of severing for 2 years for both the District and my Auxiliary as a Patriotic Chairman. I then went through the chairs on both levels to become President. Late in 2016 I became a Deputy VAVS Rep. and continued with that appointment until the end of the 2016 - 2017 Year. I was honored to serve for three years as the Department of Florida Hospital Chairman My question for many as I have moved forward has always been what your Passion is and why. Mine is and will always remain working with and for our Veterans help others do the same and guide them through the Programs and ways that they can help to show our Veterans, Love Patience Empathy, and Relief. In 2020 Year I began My Journey to become the Guard for the department of Florida from there I have moved through the Department offices currently serving as Junior Vice President.



The article in the November issue regarding the special donation from Cub Scouts Pack 210 was mistaken in the amount of the donation. The Auxiliary did send a donation of \$1,000. Another check was forwarded for \$2,070 which was the donation from the Cub Scouts Pack 210.

Apologies for the error in the amount of the donaton. Congratulations to Cub Scouts Pack 210 for their donation.

The Spirit of Giving

Parker VFW 8205 hosted about 50 veterans, along with their friends and families, to celebrate Thanksgiving. The veterans were joined by 15 Sims Nursing Home veterans. The event gives Sim's veterans a chance to get out and have a little fun. The Auxiliary spent days preparing and cooking the food although it is worth it to see everyone enjoying themselves.



Ruskins VFW 6287 and Auxiliary hosted Breakfast with Santa. Children as well as adults were excited to see Santa. Children received a special gift from Santa. Everyone enjoyed themselves and their gifts.



VFW Auxiliary Post 8093 packed up Christmas boxes for active military who can't be home for Christmas with their loved ones.

Auxiliaries at Work

VFW Post 1590 Veterans and Auxiliary Patriotic and Youth Committees in Daytona Beach hosted a Flag raising, Flag folding ceremony. Families and students of all ages participated as the new flags were raised. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and our American flag was folded as the meaning of each fold was read aloud.



Q. Can the Auxiliary have a credit card?

A. No, according to Article VIII, Sec 810A–Auxiliary President bullets 2–6

- Auxiliaries may not possess credit cards.

- Auxiliaries may possess debit cards for business purposes only. Debit card possession shall be authorized by a majority of the membership present at the meeting and voting.

- Treasurers shall be in possession of the debit card.

- Debit card cannot be used for cash advances.

- Bank statements will be initialed and dated monthly by the Trustees to ensure that all are aware of the debit card

purchases in a timely manner.

Q. If an officer says “I quit” or “I resign” is he/she still an officer until they put it in writing?

A. They are no longer an officer according to Article VIII, Sec 809-Resignations “All resignations should be in writing and sent to President and Secretary” Second sub-bullet “Resignations are effective when issued.” And third sub-bullet “Verbal resignations are binding”

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