



SUNSHINE E-NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Celebration

It's time to honor our *Department President Cindy Estell* for her leadership and accomplishments.

What: Department President Homecoming Celebration

When: March 31–April 1

Where: Safety Harbor Resort and Spa on Tampa Bay

Room rates are \$149/room + \$10/person/night for 3rd and 4th person. Call 727-726-1161 ext 7900 for reservations.

Friday March 31 from 5–10 pm a hospitality room will be available.

Saturday April 1–Dinner honoring President Cindy 5 pm cash bar, 6 pm three entrée buffet dinner and entertainment until 10 pm

Dinner is limited so make reservations with Tela Harbold winkingstar@aol.com

Commander Homecoming

Join the Department VFW at the homecoming of State Commander Ron Mills on April 15 at VFW 4256 in Madeira Beach. Dress in your best Country Western costume as prizes will be awarded.

Start off the day with Golf Outing with tee time at 9:00 am. Pre-register for golf tammy@baker.edu.

Happy hour start at 5:00 pm with dinner following. Entertainment from 7-10 pm. RSVP for dinner tammy@bnaker.edu

Congratulations Department of Florida

Membership is the lifeline of our organization and it is imperative we continue to grow.

There are 14 districts 100% or better paid membership. The other 5 districts are in the 90% range or very close.

Currently the Department is at 100.24% current membership. We need a few more members to reach the 101.00%.

Let's get out there and recruit, renew and retain membership!

Now Is The Time.....

- Wrap up projects as reporting will be closed April 15.
- Send all donations that have been collected
- Send entries for Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest by March 31 to Department Chairman Natalie Dolan
- Send entries for Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art contest by March 31 go Department Chairman Natalie Dolan
- Check website for entries for special awards (all programs have one). Deadline to Department chairmen March 31.
- Send "Love Gift" for Department President to Department Treasurer Linda Burnett
- Start thinking about officers for the upcoming elections (NO NOMINATIONS IN MARCH as nomination and elections both done in April.)

Meet Our Guard

Margaret Rementer



Sister Margaret Mary Rementer joined the auxiliary in 1989 under the eligibility of her father Norman Rementer who served in the Korean War.

Margaret, # 6 of 8 children, was born in Philadelphia and raised in New Jersey. At 22 years old, she moved to Florida in 1982. She has worked at many health Care Facilities and has been a Certified Nursing Assistant since 1980. Margaret especially enjoys the one-on-one care and has met many interesting Elderly Veterans while working. Currently

she works at an Elementary School during the day feeding the future and taking care of the Elderly at night.

Margaret has a beautiful daughter Samantha (13yrs old Grand Daughter Serenity), a wonderful Son George (2 yr, old Granddaughter Norah and new Grandson Arlo Wilder born Feb 15 2023).

As a member of William A Garvey Post 8203 Margaret has held most positions including 4 terms as Auxiliary President. At District level she has held many Chairmanships and 3 terms as District 10 President. She has been an eager mentor to not only members in her own Auxiliary and District but also to members throughout the Department.

Margaret has it in her heart to serve our veterans in any capacity that she can. She believes the youth are our future, seeking their support to make us stronger. She knows the success of the Auxiliary depends on working together as an organization as well as with the VFW. She hopes she can continue to inspire members as a Department Officer.

She enjoys road trips, sewing, and collecting turtles and rocks from all over.

VFW VETERANS VILLAGE
22nd Annual Picnic 2023
13th Annual Golf Tournament
March 24-25

Auxiliaries in Action



High school students paired off with grade school students to clean our Veterans grave markers. Teachers, parents, Auxiliary Youth and Americanism Chairman and committee members, as well as our Post Commander and Vice Commander, all joined in. Refreshments, snacks, and pizza lunch were served.

The feeling of common purpose and patriotism was shared among all of us. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Students and Teachers are surely a



Bernadette Ayala, Auxiliary 8093 Youth Chairman, gave materials to Daisy Troop 949 to make a quilt honoring our veterans. Then she gave the completed quilt project to Pauline to present to DeBary Manor Nursing Home residents.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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CANEFAN@IX.NETCOM.COM

On Feb 24, 2023, Auxiliary 8093 took a road trip from DeBary to Tampa to tour the Southeastern Guide Dog facility. This is an amazing place and these beautiful dogs are a blessing to so many of our Veterans and families. We are so proud to contribute and be part of our President Cindy Estell's Special Project.





Q. Where can we find entries for special awards?

- A. You can find the entries on the Department website (vfwauxfl.org) under Resources then downloadable info which lists all the entry forms for all programs or in MALTA under Member Resources. You must select each program to get the form. All entries are due to the Department Chairman by March 31.

Q. When do we nominate and elect officers?

- A. According to Article VIII, Sec 804 A second bullet "Elective Officers shall be NOMINATED AND ELECTED at a regular meeting in April." This means that nominations are not held at a different meeting.

Q. What is a District convention?

- A. According to Article V, Sec

504 first bullet "Each District shall hold an annual District Convention TO ELECT OFFICERS, TO TRANSACT BUSINESS." In addition, it states that "the convention shall be held not less than ten (10) calendar days and not more that seventy five (75) calendar days prior to convening of the Department Convention." Since Department Convention will be convened on June 15, District conventions cannot be held before April 1 and after May 31.

Q. Are delegates elected or appointed?

- A. According to Article III, Sec 301, "An member in good standing in their respective Auxiliary shall be eligible for ELECTION...." Delegates to District, Department and National are elected.

Q. Are delegate fees required to be paid?

- A. There is no delegate fee for District or National delegates. However, according to Article III, Sec 304 second main bullet "In Departments in which the Department Bylaws provide, a delegate fee shall be paid by each Auxiliary for each and every Delegate to which the Auxiliary is entitled." The Department By-laws call

for a \$5 delegate fee. The second sub-bullet adds "The delegate fee shall be forwarded by each and every Auxiliary regardless of the number of delegates present at the annual Department Convention...." This means that your Auxiliary must pay for the total number of delegates your Auxiliary is eligible for even if none attend the Convention.

Q. What is the last day to do program reports?

- A. The Program Reporting system will be taken down for input on April 15 so reports must be in by April 14. It is taken down so that chairmen and officers can judge the reports in preparation for awards at Department Convention.

Q. Will there be a parade for Special Project checks at Convention?

- A. No, all donations for Special Projects (Southeast Guide Dogs) must be in to the Department Treasurer by April 30.

More questions about elections next month!

E-mail your articles and pictures of your auxiliary activities to Jodi Nerney, Editor-in-Chief at canefan@ix.netcom.com with Newsletter as subject. If you would like to receive this newsletter directly in your inbox, send a note to vfwauxflnews@gmail.com that you would like to receive it.