



SUNSHINE E-NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

A message from the Department President Tela Harbold:



A lot of wonderful things have happened in this Department since my last message to you. We were able to meet at the Fall Conference, the Southern Conference, the Mid-Year Conference, and the National Mid-Year Conference. Each of these meetings we were able to spread the magic that is happening in the Department of Florida.

The Department has achieved 100% plus in membership, and we are on pace to exceed all our program goals. We simply are doing great. We achieved all of this because of the dedicated and committed members of this Auxiliary. It is exciting to see all the success everyone is having.

With only a few months to go until our Department Convention, I want to thank every member, Auxiliary President, District President, and the Department line Officers for all the hard work you do each day to carry out our goals and objectives. Our success only means that we are helping Veterans and their families. After all, that is the best reward we can get for being Auxiliary members.

Loyally, Tela Harbold



NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT JEAN HAMIL TO VISIT FLORIDA

National President Jean Hamil will be visit Florida March 9-11, 2022.

Join her March 9th for dinner at the SPC Zachary L. Shannon VFW Post 2550 in Dunedin Florida at 6:00 PM.

On March 10th at the Safety Harbor VFW Post 10093, to Honor Jean, there will be an Aisle of Flags ceremony at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow at 11:30 AM



12th Annual Golf Tournament

FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022

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!



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SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022

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

IT'S TIME TO ELECT YOUR DELEGATES FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION!

It will soon be time to elect delegates using the auxiliary membership count as of the date of the election at a regular monthly meeting (April 2022).

More details and the Department Delegates Form are available in the February Promotions on the Dept. of Florida Auxiliary website at www.vfwauxflorida.org.

DISTRICT 19 AUXILIARY 3282 HOMOSASSA FLORIDA



Thank You

VFW Post 3282 Auxiliary members recently visited the VA OPC facility in and distributed cards, candy, and snacks to every! The Auxiliary received cards and phone calls from many of the veterans who received the handouts and expressed their gratitude to the Auxiliary members.

**DISTRICT 18 AUXILIARY 5277
4th Annual Chinese Auction
Fundraiser**

A huge 'Thank You' to Auxiliary 5277 members Stephanie Spathakis, Aloha Suyapa Prince Rosario, Mary Molenda and Letitia Price for their hard work



coordinating the 4th Chinese Auction. The money raised from the auction was donated to the W.H.O. organization along with Certificates of Appreciation to those who continuously support the VFW Auxiliary.

**DISTRICT 19 AUXILIARY 1590
RECOGNIZES ILLUSTRATING
AMERICA ART CONTEST WINNERS**

Auxiliary 1590 in Dayton Beach Florida met to judge and select winners of the Illustrating America Art Contest entrants.

Auxiliary members took delight in the amazing artwork students created. There were so many exceptional entries.



An Awards Ceremony was held for the winners giving them all Recognition Certificates and Gifts along with much encouragement to all, to enter the contest again next year.

**DISTRICT 19 AUXILIARY 1590
HONORS WINNING STUDENTS**

Auxiliary 1590 in Daytona Beach held an Awards Ceremony at the Basilica of St. Paul School in Daytona for the “Illustrating America” Art Contest . Almost 200 students participated in the contest. Their work is amazing, Patriotic, demonstrating love for God and Country.



CONGRATULATIONS! 

**DISTRICT 7 AUXILIARY 8189
RECOGNIZE SCHOLARSHIP
WINNERS**

Auxiliary and VFW members from Post 8189 in Homosassa Florida recognized winners from their VFW Post of the 2021-2022 Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and the Smart Maher Educator of the Year



**DISTRICT 9 AUXILIARY 9272
PARTICIPATE IN AUXILIARY
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT**

Auxiliary 9272 members from Seminole Florida assisted the community Elks Lodge with their annual Casino Night fundraiser. It was a great night helping another organization support their cause.



E-mail your articles and pictures of your auxiliary activities to Cindy Estell, Editor-in-Chief, at cestell1954@gmail.com.

DISTRICT 6 AUXILIARY 1689 WELCOME'S HOME VETERANS

Several auxiliary members from District 6 Auxiliary 1689 in Jacksonville made signs to "Welcome Home" Vietnam Veterans in the community. 50 years of waiting far to long!



DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

***"BED * BATH * AND BEYOND
FOR VETERANS VILLAGE"***



To date, the Auxiliaries have donated over \$60,000 towards the Department President's Special Project.



DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TELA HARBOLD HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

APRIL 29TH – 30TH 2022

AT THE SAFETY HARBOR RESORT AND SPA ON TAMPA BAY

EVENTS:

Friday, April 29th Hospitality Room will be available from 5pm to 11pm

Saturday, April 30th A Cash Bar will be available starting at 5pm with a Buffet Dinner starting at 6pm with Entertainment to follow

A Three-Entrée Buffet Dinner will be served and will include your choice of Chicken, Fish, Pork, or Veggie Entrée, Choice of Starch, Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner Rolls and with Chefs Dessert Selection

Dinner will be limited to 150

Please RSVP to Cindy Estell at cestell1954@gmail.com no later than March 29, 2022

THE VFW WILL KICK OFF ITS FIRST EVER DAY OF SERVICE ON MAY 7, an initiative that invites VFW Posts, members, veterans of every stripe and community advocates to unite and host a community service event on this day and throughout the month of May.

The VFW Day of Service is an outgrowth of the organization's #StillServing campaign launched in 2020 to recognize the ongoing dedication of veterans and service members who continue to serve their communities. VFW Day of Service, led by veterans and in concert with other organizations and civic groups, is open for anyone to participate. The inaugural VFW Day of Service on May 7 marks the start of veteran-led community service projects to take place throughout the month.

"We are calling on all VFW Posts and members across America and around the world to join in the VFW Day of Service by planning an activity for May 7, or at another point during the month, to show that we never stop serving" said VFW National Commander-in-Chief Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic.

We can work together on this. Here's how:

Share with your Posts!

Engage your dual members!

As pillars of our communities, we can join forces on these projects!

VFW members must sign up for Day of Service, but Auxiliary members may work with their Posts and civic groups on Day of Service activities. Day of Service is community service - volunteering time with another organization - to make a meaningful difference.

Visit VFWDayofService.org for more information or email info@todaysvfw.org with any questions.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! **AUDIT!** 4TH QUARTER AUDITS

Auxiliary audits for January, February, and March 2022, shall be completed by April 30, 2022.

The Auxiliary Trustees shall submit and read the written report during an Auxiliary meeting. A motion to accept the audit is required.

Once approved, one (1) copy of the accepted audit shall be included in the minutes record book and one (1) copy shall be sent to the Department Treasurer, Linda Burnette, no later than May 31, 2022.

For more details regarding the audit, refer to the National VFW Auxiliary By-Laws Article VIII, Section 814 - Trustees

DISTRICT 22 VFW & AUXILIARY 4493 AWARD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

VFW & Auxiliary members from Post 4493 in Silver Spring Shores, Candler presented students from their community with individual Certificates and Monetary Awards to help with their future schooling. The Teacher of the Year was also recognized by the Post.

