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DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VFW AUXILIARY SPECIAL NOTICES!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REPORTING WEBSITE: A reminder that effective April 16, 2022, you will not have any access to the Department Reporting website. Due to circumstances beyond our control this year, Auxiliaries will have NO access to the site after April 15th until the site is brought back up in July.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - JUNE CONVENTION: The hotel is filling up very quickly for the State Convention. There is not an overflow hotel. Get your reservation in now if you plan to attend. Also please only book the number of rooms you will actually need so that we do not have a bunch of cancellations at the last min and others cannot get a room.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Candidate for Department Guard - Margaret Rementer

Candidates for Veterans Village Home Board - Debra Gates and Tela Harbold

Candidate for National District Council Members Area F - Debbie Tilley

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT DELEGATES INFORMATION

Delegate lists and fees must be sent to the Department Treasurer, Linda Burnette.

Per Department of Florida Bylaws each Auxiliary is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for every fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof, as of the date of election of delegates. Delegate fees are \$5.00 per delegate. Delegate fees must be paid prior to an Auxiliary being able to vote at the Department Convention.

IMPORTANT NATIONAL DELEGATES INFORMATION

Auxiliary Secretaries please note that the delegates for National Convention can be entered directly into MALTA.

If they are not entered into MALTA or received by National by May 31st, your Auxiliary will have no vote at the National Convention held in Kansas City, MO July 16-22, 2022

IMPORTANT INSTALLATION REPORTS INFORMATION

Installation Reports can also be input directly into MALTA by the current District or Auxiliary Secretary.

If you are unable to enter either the National Delegates or Installation Report into MALTA yourself. **DO NOT SEND INSTALLATION REPORTS TO NATIONAL!**

If the Secretary is unable to enter directly into MALTA, you can send the completed Installation Report to Leona McDermott, Department Secretary.

JUNE 2022 CONVENTION RECEPTION!

Join the Department of Florida VFW and Auxiliary Officers Celebrate the “End of Term” party on Saturday night, June 18, 2022 at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World Hotel.

You’ll find the order form and more details on the Department of Florida VFW Auxiliary website at www.vfwauxflorida.org under Latest News.



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91st Annual Convention
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Auxiliary
Department of Florida
JUNE 16-19, 2022

Renaissance Orlando at Sea World 6677 Sea Harbor Drive Orlando, FL

Visit the Department VFW Auxiliary website at www.vfwauxflorida.org under Latest News for more details regarding reservations and a tentative agenda.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT JEAN HAMIL



VISIT TO FLORIDA!



DISTRICT 6 AUXILIARY HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS VISIT NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Auxiliary Hospital Volunteers from District 6 Jacksonville Auxiliaries 7909 and 1689 visited the Palms Nursing Home in Orange Park, Florida in March.



The volunteers helped the Nursing Home residents with Bingo games and they also donated various personal items.

The auxiliary members were so excited to be able to get back into the nursing home to visit with the residents.

DISTRICT 7 PORT ST. JOE AUXILIARY 10069 HELP WITH EASTER BASKETS

Post 10069 and the Auxiliary helped the Gulf County Sheriffs Department collect Easter Baskets and toys for local children along with monetary donations.



DISTRICT 7 AUXILIARY 8189 RECOGNIZE PURPLE UP FOR MILITARY KIDS

Auxiliary 8189 members from Homosassa gathered at their Post home all dressed in shirts to recognize Purple Up for Military Kids!



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

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 21 AUXILIARY 12186 IN OLDSMAR, FLORIDA HOST MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Auxiliary members help with Membership Drive during Oldsmar Days and Nights in March. The auxiliary and VFW Post set up a tent in the park to distribute membership material along with raffles and lots of fun!

