



# SUNSHINE E-NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## Are You Ready for Mid-Winter Conference?

Mid-Winter Conference will be held at Westgate Lakes Resort, 10000 Turkey Lake Road in Orlando January 19-21.

### Celebration of Achievements Banquet

Tentative Schedule (subject to change without notice)

#### Friday, January 19

8:30 am Floor Practice and Officers March

10:00 am Dept Chairman's Meeting (closed)

10:45 am District President's Meeting (closed)

1:00 pm Council of Administration Meeting (open to all) and opening of Mid-Winter-Conference

#### Saturday, January 20

8:00 am Joint Opening followed by Mid-Winter Conference with Chairmen Presentations

6:00 pm Celebration of Achievements Banquet

You won't want to miss the Chairmen's presentations!

The banquet is honoring the District Voice of Democracy winners. At Department winners will be announce along with the top 3 Patriot's Pen winners.

*Dress* for the banquet is semi-formal or appropriate dress.

*Tickets* available from Department Headquarters only at \$47 per person. Tickets will be held for pick up at the hotel. Deadline for tickets is January 12.

6:00 pm cocktails

6:30 pm doors open

6:45 pm program begins

7:00 pm dinner

Presentations and awards will follow dinner.

#### Menu

Chicken with Parmesan Dill

Sauce, Applewood Smoked Pork Loin with Tarragon Mustard

Garden Salad with Italian Herb Dressing

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Sauteed Green Beans

NY Style Cheesecake with mixed berries

Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea

### Donations

There will be a donation parade for Department President's Special Project. Bring your donations and let everyone know how you got your donation.

There will be another art raffle and a silent auction for a special painting from Fall Conference.



# VFW Florida Auxiliary Appreciation Day February 4, 2024

## VFW Resolution 21-01

WHEREAS, since 1899 the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has served veterans, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1914, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary set out to serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform; and

WHEREAS, in 1931 the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Florida Ladies Auxiliary was formed to support the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving veterans, service members and their families, and spreading patriotism nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the "Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States" changed its name to the "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary"; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary has continued to serve our VFW and our veterans with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the Veterans of Foreign Wars was founded can never fail to inspire us; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Florida does declare that the first Sunday of February of 2021 and of *each year henceforth* to be designated as "**VFW Florida Auxiliary Appreciation Day**" and that all members join together to observe this day to honor the special men and women of the VFW Florida Auxiliary who have served our great organization.

# Save the Date

## National Mid-Year

February 12-17 Cruise from Port Canaveral

## National President's Visit

February 22-25 Ocala Florida  
(details to follow)

## Veterans Village Picnic

March 23 Veterans Village  
Tickets \$12 from Dept HQ



## Wooden Flag Raffle

For Dept President's Special Project

\$5 each or \$10 for 3

300 Tickets Available

(Tickets Available at Fall Conference and Mid-Winter Conference)

*Drawing at June Convention*

# Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Projects

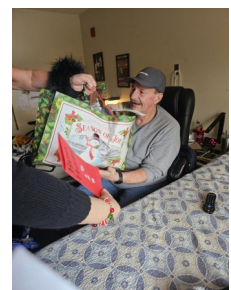
## Hospital and Veterans and Family Support

Wesconnett 7909, District 6 Auxiliary's Oak View nursing home Christmas visit on December 20, 2023. We helped Santa hand out gifts and filled stockings. He couldn't have done it without us.



## Hospital and Veterans and Family Support

Amazing Auxiliary members VFW Auxiliary 2550 Dunedin and Post Senior Vice of were on a mission to spread joy to our veterans in a 4 local nursing homes. Together they brought smiles, warmth and a touch of holiday cheer to those who have served our nation.



## Youth and Hospital

VFW Spectre Auxiliary 11367 gathered toys for Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.



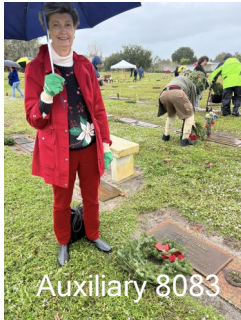
They donated "Mary Kay" gift bags with extra Christmas cheer to residence of Navarre Gardens 98 .





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Auxiliaries Participate in Wreaths Across America  
Americanism, Youth



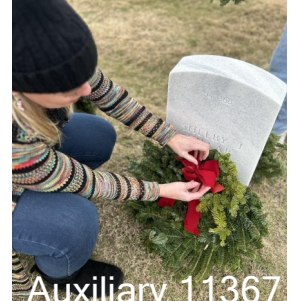
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Auxiliary 4127



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VFW 7721 Auxiliary women's self defense class learning new ways of being aware and how to get out of personal attacks thanks to Collier County Sheriff's Office team

Hospital and Veterans and Family Support  
Auxiliary #5277 packs bags and stockings for  
Clermont Rehab Center



Hospital

District 8 assembled 50 boxes at Lake Viera for veteran families for Christmas