



SUNSHINE E-NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY



District 7 President Roger Ingall, Dept Conductress Margaret Rementer, Dept Secretary Debbie Tilley, National President Carla Martinez, Dept President Teresa Bachand, Benny Bachand, Dept Jr. Vice Mike Yates at the dinner hosted by Auxiliary 4209



World Equestrian Center In Ocala



Dept officers dining with National President Carla at Cody's Roadhouse in Ocala



National President Carla speaking with members at Post 4781.



National President Carla Martinez walking through Aisle of Flags at Post 4209



Touring the Veterans Museum in Ocala



Laying wreath at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocala



At VFW Headquarters in Ocala



Viewing manatees at Homosassa Wildlife Preserve

National President's Visit



And
State
Commander's
Homecoming



March 23, 2024

Meal Tickets \$12

- Bouncy House
- Corn Hole
- Closest to pin
 - Vendors
 - DJ Scott
- BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork, sides
- First 500 people to check in at the Commander's Table receive a special gift and ticket for the door prizes



A Few Reminders

- We are fast approaching the end of the reporting year. Make sure all your reports have been entered.

- Make sure all the donations are sent to Department

Secretary

- The Auxiliary does NOT have nominations in March. Nominations and elections are all done at same meeting.
- Elections will be in April so start thinking about which members are the best fit for the offices.

Wooden Flag Raffle

For Dept President's Special Project

\$5 each or \$10 for 3

300 Tickets Available

(Tickets Available from Dept President)

Drawing at June Convention



**PRESIDENT'S
TERESA'S
HOMECOMING**

April 27, 2024

**BBQ Dinner and Entertainment by
DJ Poppy**

5:00—9:00 pm Barn at Bellemoor

Limited to 150 people

RSVP to Teresa

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Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Projects

Youth

The Dunnellon Pop Warner Under-10 youth football team from Dunnellon, Florida, was recognized for winning the Division 2, 66th National Championship Tournament. The team played its home games at the Dunnellon High School field and went 17-0 for the season. The championship game was held on December 8th at Camping World Stadium in Orlando.

On February 3rd Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4846 in Citrus Springs celebrated this achievement with a pizza and ice for the team and their families at the Post with the help of the Auxiliary. The Post and Auxiliary were able to help the team raise \$1,100 to help cover some of the cost of attending the Championship game. They also received a personalized plaque from the Post.



Outreach, Americanism Buddy Poppy

Post 10100 Labelle & District 13 did a parade float on February 24th for the 58th Annual Swamp Cabbage Festival in Labelle. This is a huge weekend event that brings the entire community together as well as neighboring communities. We handed out over 2,500 flags to the young and old. We also handed out Buddy Poppys. Before we started the parade we played the National Anthem and everyone stood, saluted and sang. During the parade we played various Patriotic songs and the crowds were dancing as the float passed by.



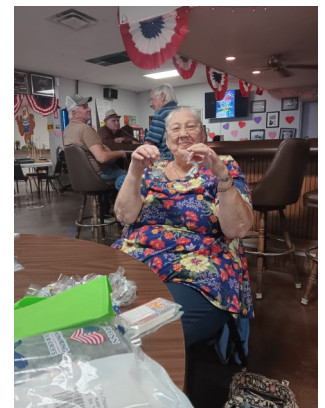
Hospital, Veterans and Family Support

A special 101st Birthday party was held for Jimmy Renda, Army Veteran, celebration at his assisted living, helping him celebrate are members of Post 7721 Auxiliary, Lions Club and Disabled American Veterans.

Valentines for Veterans

Salute to Hospitalized Veterans

During of "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" Week, members of Districts 8, 18, and 19 distributed over 4,000 bags of candy and Valentines cards at the hospital inpatient, outpatient, the CLC, Domiciliaries, cancer centers and clinics throughout the Orland and Lake Nona Hospital area.



On Valentine's Day these ladies in red from VFWA 7909 and MOCA Catfish 23 hosted a party at Oak View Nursing Home providing cake, fruit, and handmade cards.



Auxiliary 5277 handed out Valentines, donuts, juice, water and candy at Clermont VA Clinic



Auxiliary 8093 Paula Ellis, Terri Carlson, Rob Wilkerson handed out candy, snacks, Valentines at Daytona VA Clinic