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November, 2024

## PENNY'S WORDS OF WISDOM



Greetings from District 6 ! I know many of us had had many things on our to do list with storm prep and clean up and I sincerely hope that you have recovered and have power and all the things you need. Please do not forget if you are in need, there are several resources available to you. Visit the Department Website : <https://alafi.org/emergency-fund/> and you will find the link for the Expedited Disaster relief AEF application. Many of our Department leaders are standing by to assist if you need help navigating the application. Please do not hesitate to reach out and I can get you in contact with the right person to assist you.

Time is passing us by so quickly as we start to come up to our busy holiday season, please remember to keep track of all your events, hours and monies spent on things like collecting food for the needy for thanksgiving, toy drives for Christmas, Trunk or treats , etc. for your reporting. Although there are NO MID YEAR REPORTS, this is a good time to review what you have done so far. Start your reports now and just continue to add to them as the year continues.

Fall Conference will be held November 22-24th at Caribe Royale Hotel in Orlando. Friday will be full of Breakout Sessions. There is TONS of good information being presented by our Department Chairmen so this is an excellent opportunity to meet them and ask the questions you always wanted to know the answer to. The schedule can be located on [alafi.org](http://alafi.org) under Fall Conference. You can also purchase tickets to the Commander's and President's Banquet there as well. It will be a rocking good time.

Some housekeeping information: There has been a change in our District 6 Commander, due to some health reasons, Peter Gregory has stepped down and Joan Suelter is the new District 6 Commander. Melanie Caputo is 1st Vice and David Hulin is the 2nd Vice. Please keep Peter and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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Department has only received a few Unit Chairman lists from our units. Please make sure to send this list in. This is the way our department chairmen and district chairmen can pass along information regarding the programs .

District 6 Picnic - This will be held on March 22nd at Post 183 Fern Park. We are asking each unit/post to donate \$100 towards to food and a raffle basket to help raise money for Boys and Girls State. The meal will be fried chicken and sides. Please contact me for more information.

Units - Please send in photos, flyers and articles about the events you are doing to Nell to be featured in our newsletter . Here contact information is [necolbert@usa.net](mailto:necolbert@usa.net)

Lastly, you have seen the Flyer go out. We have been asked to help assist the VA with toys for Christmas. These toys will go to the children of military families that are at the Domiciliary and transitional housing. We are asking the district to help get involved so it is a big success. All age toys are welcome, however they have the most need for ages 10 and up. Please bring to the District 6 meeting on December 7th. If you have toys and cannot make the meeting please let me know and we can arrange for a pick up.

I want to thank you all for everything you do for our veterans, community and Children and Youth .

For God and Country,

Penny Kanbara  
District 6 President  
407-879-2528  
[district6president@alafi.org](mailto:district6president@alafi.org)

AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 6 FAMILY  
**CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**  
HELP US SPREAD JOY THIS YEAR BY  
DONATING A TOY FOR VETERAN CHILDREN  
AT THE VA AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING  
PLEASE DONATE UNWRAPPED NEW TOYS BY  
**DECEMBER 7**  
PLEASE BRING TO :  
DISTRICT 6 MEETING  
MOUNT DORA POST 35  
920 S HIGHLAND STREET  
MOUNT DORA, FL 32757  
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## Boys State and Girls State DO Make A Difference!

I attended Florida Boys State in 2021 as a delegate from Winter Park Post 112 and had my bill unanimously passed in the mock House and Senate. After 3 years of working with legislators, the bill was signed into Florida law this summer.

The purpose of my bill is to introduce a Cure Diabetes specialty license plate, with all of the money going strictly to cure research for Type 1 diabetes. The money goes to the Diabetes Research Institute (at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami), the University of Florida Diabetes Institute, and Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF).

Now, we need 3,000 presale vouchers for the license plate to go into production. They can easily be purchased online for \$33 by anyone with a vehicle titled in their name in Florida. I attached an image of the plate below and a FAQ document containing the link to purchase vouchers (<https://county-taxes.net/fl-escambia/vouchers>).

As a Boys State alum, I would greatly appreciate any help getting this information distributed to as many people as possible. Thank you for giving me the confidence to make a difference with this legislation.

Best,  
George Stedronsky IV  
407-463-2444





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## UNIT 63, WINTER GARDEN

### **Pen Pal Program ~ We Want You!**

American Legion Auxiliary #63 is honored to support our service women and men. For more information email Lynn at [alaunit63wg@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit63wg@gmail.com)

We invite you to join our Pen Pal program.

- ❖ Receive communications from our Officers & Members.
- ❖ Receive a care package, birthday & holiday cards and more.

September 19 - October 17, 2024

### **Holiday Cards for our Troops**

We are collecting Holiday cards for our Troops. These cards will be sent to service women and men around the world.

For convenience we have a Holiday Collection box on the front porch of Post 63, located next to the Flag Dropbox. Or you can deliver them personally at our next General Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Attached is our Holiday Cards for our Troops flyer with details. Please share this information with family, friends, neighbors and other clubs you participate in. Together, let us show our Troops some extra love.

Thank you for your kindness and support for our Veterans and their families.

October 1, 2024

### **National Night Out Community Event**

6-9 pm

Downtown Pavilion

104 S Lakeview Avenue, Winter Garden

Auxiliary Unit 63 is partnering with the Post 63 Legion to honor and support our Winter Garden Police Department. Membership information will be discussed and distributed along with coloring books. Holiday Cards will be on hand for community members to sign. This event is free for all ages and includes: Kids activities, DJ entertainment, food, games, raffles along with learning crime prevention tips. Meet & Greet your local Winter Garden Police Department.

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**Lynn Bodell**

Unit 63 President, 2024-2025

Cell: 407-562-6205

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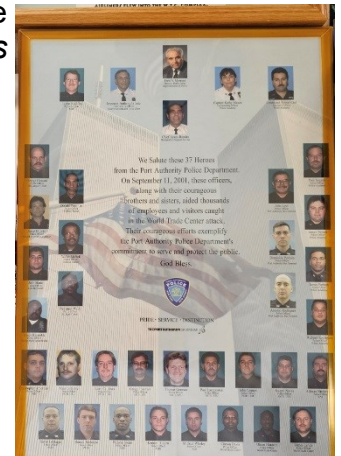
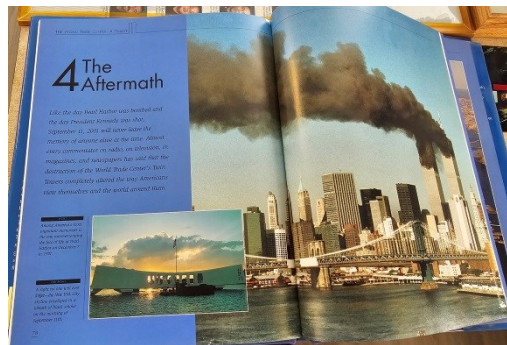
## UNIT 112, WINTER PARK



Congratulations to our very own Vice President, Terry Berrios-Guariglia on her marriage in early October on the beach in Asbury Park, NJ. Please join us as we wish Terry and Frank a very "happily ever after."

And congratulations to our Unit for overachieving our membership goal. As of October 20th, we have 31 members for 2025, bringing us to 107%.

In September, our Auxiliary Unit supported the Legion Family's 9-11 Ceremony. President Marge set up a wonderful display of memorabilia from the World Trade Center and we streamed the recent *60 Minutes* special about the tragedy.



So what's coming up next? In early November, Unit members will be grocery shopping for the holiday food baskets that we deliver to the Lake Baldwin VA for distribution to some of their Giving Tree families as well as shopping for our annual Eastbrook Elementary backpack project. The VA food baskets and the school backpacks provide all the non-perishable food items families can use to make a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

On November 8th, we will participate in Eastbrook's Veterans Day program and deliver the backpack food items after the program ends. All Unit members are welcome to attend and help us with our membership table where we will give out Poppies and small American flags to all the Veterans who come to the school for the program.

We will also be assisting Legion members with their shopping for their Giving Tree adopted family.

On December 13th, we will join our Legion Family at our annual Holiday Party.

**Are you on Facebook? Please like our page and join our group.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/165411620378> and  
<https://www.facebook.com/ALA112FL>

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## UNIT 183, FERN PARK-ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

Thanks to all who attended our Dia de los Muertos event. We had a great time and raised over \$1000 for the Debbie Dorton Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Our unit is currently focusing on upcoming Poppies to be distributed on November 8 and 9 at Publix on SR 46 in Sanford – stop by and say hi if you are in the area.

We are also focusing on filling baskets for Thanksgiving for HUDVASH as well as the Christmas Toy Drive.

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Halloween!!

## UNIT 219, FRUITLAND PARK



Unit 219 is honored to have outstanding Member Dara Oliver elected as our National Historian at National Convention in New Orleans, LA. She has been an asset to our group by volunteering in the kitchen, attending and decorating for events, donating needed items for different fundraisers and has participated directly with Wreaths Across America, Honor Flight and several Legion Family functions. We know Dara will do an outstanding job as National Historian representing not only the Department of Florida, but our 6th District and our small but mighty Unit. She doesn't just "talk the talk" - she has been a member of the ALA for almost 40 years and has made great strides with keeping up with technology, she started and maintains our social media page, has mentored 2 members in their History presentations and most recently submitted a Pictorial History Book Award that passed at Department Convention, so that Historians have an additional place to showcase their hard work! Dara also wrote and submitted the National President's Award of Excellence that our Unit won.

Congratulations Dara, The Entire Legion Family at 219 is so Proud of you and we thank you for all you do!

**SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP:** While at the 2024 session of Florida Girls State, one of Unit 219's delegates, Reese Ponds, received the \$500 Samsung Scholarship. AND Reese has received word that she's the recipient of a \$5,000 Samsung Scholarship given out on the National level. Congratulations Reese!

October 24<sup>th</sup> – The Annual Peanut Butter Drive was a success—another banner year! We delivered 345 jars of peanut butter to Beyond the Walls food pantry in Fruitland Park..

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Wreaths Across America: 10 a.m. ceremony at Post 219, 11 a.m. laying of wreaths at Shiloh Cemetery, 12 noon lunch back at Post 219.



Look for information on upcoming events in future newsletters: Christmas party in December ... Country Western themed dinner dance in January ... Boys & Girls State fundraiser in February.





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## UNIT 347, LADY LAKE

VETERANS AFFAIRS – by Veronica Wernicke, Daily Sun Senior Writer

American Legion Post 347 in Lady Lake kicked off its fall season with an Oktoberfest event Sunday, September 29. The dinner dance included German food made by Auxiliary members as well as dancing, games and prizes.

Getting together and sharing an authentic German meal is what Maureen Caswell and Barbara Kyle enjoy each year as they plan the Oktoberfest Dinner Dance at American Legion Post 347 in Lady Lake.

On Sunday, American Legion Post 347's Auxiliary Unit kicked off its fall season of events with the annual Oktoberfest Dinner Dance event.



"It's to celebrate fall," said Caswell auxiliary president. "A lot of our members are back home in Florida, so it's a fall celebration, and we love the food."

The auxiliary is a sub-group of the American Legion that runs volunteer programs throughout the year. Membership is open to relatives of those who served in the U.S. military. American Legion Post 347 is the largest American Legion Post in the world with more than 6,000 members.

The post was chartered December 9, 1987, and its post facility was dedicated July 4, 1997. The American Legion is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at Post 347, located at 699 W. Lady Lake Blvd. in Lady Lake.

During the event, there is dinner and dancing. It also raises money for various charities the auxiliary supports.

Jonnell & The G Man provided entertainment for the dinner dance. There also were trivia games, door prizes and chance drawings.

This year's menu included bratwurst, j!ägerschnitzel, German potato salad, red cabbage, sp!äetle, cucumber salad, applesauce and rye/pumpnickel bread, all prepared by members of the auxiliary.



For its members, it's the most authentic German food

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they can get in the area without traveling too far out of The Villages, Caswell said.

This also is the most successful event the auxiliary has had since it started in 2011, said Kyle, auxiliary secretary and general Post 347 member.

This year the auxiliary sold 173 tickets at \$25 each to raise more than \$4000. A portion of the money raised will support organizations related to veterans, children and scholarships. The group will choose where to donate it specifically at a later date, Caswell said.

Supporting various local charities is what the auxiliary is all about, the event co-chairs said.

The event also is about getting together for a good time at the post, said Kyle, of the Village of Mira Mesa.

"I enjoy seeing all the people come and having a good time," said Kyle, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. "I like the camaraderie of our club."

The group's next big event is the kickoff of its holiday food drive, which runs from October to December to feed families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For more than 20 years, Post 347 has worked to help people during the holiday season.

It's all about providing food for people in need in the community, said Caswell, of the Village of Pinellas.

The group will collect food throughout the holiday season, and members of Post 347 will pack meal boxes to give to families.

For more information about the collection or the auxiliary, contact the group at [alaunit347@comcast.net](mailto:alaunit347@comcast.net) or visit [florida-legion.org](http://florida-legion.org).



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## ORCHID GALA SUPPORTING WOMEN VETERANS

By Lois Bass, American Legion Post 347 Auxiliary

The Orchid Gala took place on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Savannah Recreation Center in The Villages. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> event that the Villagers for Veterans has put on. Proceeds from the event support women veteran's programs such as Ashley's House in Eustis and Ashley's Cottage in Fruitland Park. These are transitional homes for women veterans. Tina Burgess from American Legion Post 347 and Auxiliary member, was one of the women veterans being honored during the evening. Maureen Caswell presented Villages for Veterans with a \$5000 check, which will be used for Ashley's House and be matched by a donor.



Pat Morrow, JoLinda Spears, Tina Burgess, Maureen Caswell, and Lois Bass



Maureen Caswell with Kathleen Wilgus for check presentation

**What has YOUR Unit been doing this month and what do you have planned for the future? We want to hear from ALL 6th District Units! Please send your information to the 6th District newsletter editor. Email—[necolbert@usa.net](mailto:necolbert@usa.net) by the 20th of each month. Share your story!**

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## Children & Youth—Patsy Sewell

*The purpose of the Children and Youth Program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.*

*Principles: To preserve the integrity of the family home. To maintain a “whole” child program, with due regard for all needs of children – physical, spiritual, emotional, and educational. To cooperate with and strengthen other sound organizations and agencies for children, avoiding duplication of existing programs.*

Halloween has just passed! This was a great time to engage children and youth in the community. Did your Unit host a trunk or treat at your post home together with your Legion family or participate in one at your local elementary school. You can download the free American Legion Auxiliary Halloween coloring book and next year hand out pages along with candy. You can download it here: [Hal-loween Coloring Book.pdf \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org/Halloween_Coloring_Book.pdf).

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

**Time to Fall Back!**  
Turn Back the Clocks - 2am SUNDAY!

**Check/Change Batteries:**

- Smoke Detectors
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- NOAA Weather Radio



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## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

As we continue to work our mission with our Veterans here is some updated contact information for contacting Lake Nona and Lake Baldwin to find out their needs:

If you need to talk with Benjamin email him: [Benjamin.Lopez1@va.gov](mailto:Benjamin.Lopez1@va.gov)  
He's at Lake Nona. 407-631-1723

Jonathan is at Lake Baldwin  
Email: [Francis.Resto-Ortiz@va.gov](mailto:Francis.Resto-Ortiz@va.gov)  
Phone: 407-646-5070

You can also email [vhaorlcdce@va.gov](mailto:vhaorlcdce@va.gov) and they will forward email to correct person or maybe even answer your questions

Many more resources are available <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/> including how to contact your local CDCE offices, applications for volunteering and much more.

Some things to think about as you are working through your programs and towards your end of year reporting: How do you support rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies? How have you supported veterans and their families in the community by collaborating with external like-minded organizations such as Honor Flight, Quilts of Valor, etc.?

A lot of great information is shared on the monthly zoom calls that are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. You can sign up by emailing the Department VA&R Chair : [Veteransaffairs@al afl.org](mailto:Veteransaffairs@al afl.org).  
NOTE—due to Fall Conference, there will be no November Zoom call.

If you are on Facebook, there is a Department VA & R group as well as a national VA & R group. Just search for ALAFL VA&R and American Legion Auxilay Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA & R) to join these groups.

For God and Country,





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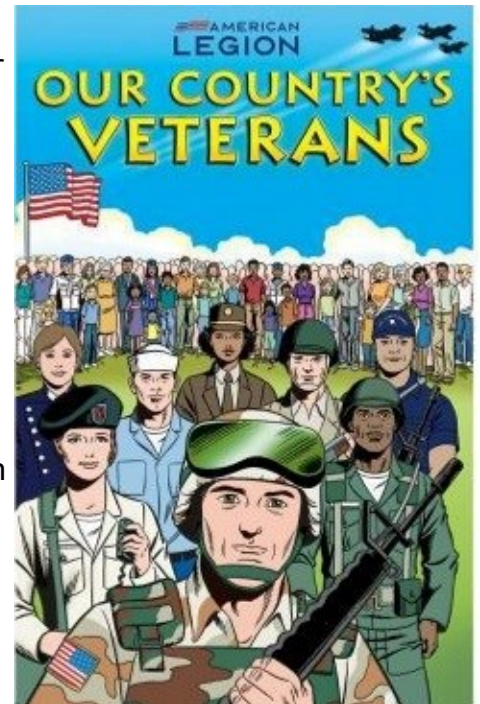
## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

"Our Country's Veterans" comic book educates youth about what a veteran is, the variety of roles they can do in the armed forces, their service and sacrifice, how to thank a veteran and how to be a good citizen.

In preparation for Veterans Day, Nov. 11, The American Legion's "Our Country's Veterans" comic book is available for purchase to hand out to elementary students to help them understand the military service of our men and women.

Purchase the comic book at [Emblem Sales](#), Item No. 755.304. The cost is 85 cents apiece or 100 for 69 cents apiece.

"Our Country's Veterans" also educates youth about what a veteran is, the variety of roles they can do in the armed forces, their service and sacrifice, how to thank a veteran and how to be a good citizen. The story is about four youth who help with the dedication of a new veterans memorial, hear the stories and contributions of people they know who have served in military, and share in the importance of thanking American veterans.



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## MEMBERSHIP - Patsy Sewell

### #MEMBERSHIPIS THEKEY

DID YOU KNOW: As an American Legion Auxiliary member, you bring untold value to the organization and America's veterans through your service to our mission. To show our appreciation for your membership, the ALA has partnered with businesses that share our values to bring you exclusive discounts and savings!

You can find the benefits here: [Member Benefits \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org)

Here are our membership number percentages as of the time of this writing, Monday October 21, 2024. Great job and everyone keep up the great work. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any help with membership! We are currently in the lead over District 12 – they are at 49.30%! Keep it up!

Congratulations to unit 112 for already achieving 100%!

Congratulations to the following units for 50% and above:

- Unit 018
- Unit 080
- Unit 219
- Unit 286
- Unit 347

	0010	Kissimmee	199	0	70	70	35.18%
	0018	Wildwood	22	0	11	11	50.00%
	0019	Orlando	102	3	39	42	41.18%
	0035	Mount Dora	137	0	29	29	21.17%
	0055	Clermont	270	0	100	100	37.04%
	0063	Winter Garden	26	0	5	5	19.23%
	0080	Saint Cloud	299	16	140	156	52.17%
	0101	Bushnell	117	0	25	25	21.37%
	0112	Winter Park	29	3	27	30	103.45%
	0183	Fern Park	126	0	43	43	34.13%
	0219	Fruitland Park	243	1	122	123	50.62%
	0239	Groveland	15	0	7	7	46.67%
	0242	Orlando	111	9	28	37	33.33%
	0286	Orlando	164	5	104	109	66.46%
	0330	Leesburg	67	2	28	30	44.78%
	0331	Orlando	28	0	12	12	42.86%
	0347	Lady Lake	2605	10	1635	1645	63.15%
	0412	Orlando	15	0	1	1	6.67%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>4575</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2426</b>	<b>2475</b>	<b>54.10%</b>
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Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!!



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## The Chaplain's Prayer—Paula Fox



Hello all Auxiliary members, my name is Paula Fox and I'm honored to be your 6<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain for the 2024-2025 year.

One thing to always remember - I'm here if you need anything or have any questions.

I hope everyone is safe after the two hurricanes. We need to all stay together and step up to help our fellow American Legion family that really needs our help at this time.

I want to encourage all Unit Chaplains to be there for our Auxiliary members in this devastating time in Florida. They will need someone to talk or listen to after losing a loved one or all their belongings in the hurricanes.

We are here to provide our members with spiritual and emotional guidance.

Sadly, to let everyone in the 6<sup>th</sup> District know, we have lost six Auxiliary members recently. Our 6<sup>th</sup> District Units miss them tremendously.

Let's pray for our Veterans, community and our country every day to be safe.

Sincerely,  
Paula Fox  
6<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain  
(407)747-0725

**CHAPLAIN**  
*Nuggets*

While serving as Chaplain, the one thing you must always be, is prepared.

Prepared to pray whenever needed. Keep your Chaplain's book of prayers or a small notepad to jot down a prayer on hand in the event you are called upon.

Always remember, we are not to promote one religion. We must be respectful of all faiths. Share these helpful nuggets with Chaplains in your Department, Districts/Counties, and Units. Happy Friday!

MONIQUE BATISTE  
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

**If your Unit has suffered the loss of one of your members, please remember to notify both our District Chaplain, Paula Fox, and the Department Chaplain, Karen Marks.**

**Email Karen at [chaplain@al afl.org](mailto:chaplain@al afl.org) and Paula at [foxnails1282@aol.com](mailto:foxnails1282@aol.com)  
The Member Data Form should be completed for each member who has passed and included with your emails.**

**The Member Data Form should also be emailed to Department Membership at [membership@al afl.org](mailto:membership@al afl.org) so that National's records can be updated.**



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## UPCOMING UNIT EVENTS



**SAT 11/23  
2024**

**Tickets Available**  
[alafl.org/fall-conference](http://alafl.org/fall-conference)

*President and Commander's Banquet*

# 70's Rock'n ROLL

**\$65**

**COCKTAIL  
HOUR 6PM  
Dinner 7-9pm**

*Special guests*  
**DJ JUAN  
PROVIDED BY  
MISSING LINK  
ENTERTAINMENT**

**MENU: DECONSTRUCTED CEASAR SALAD \* BAKED ZITI\* CHICKEN  
PARMESEAN \* ANGEL HAIR PASTA W/ RED SAUCE \* VEGGIES \* ROLL  
\* MINI TIRAMISU DESSERT**



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## UPCOMING UNIT EVENTS

### 2025 Eastern Area Ball

February 8th, 2025

Post 117 Palm Bay

Cocktails at 3pm

Dinner at 5pm

### Schnitzel by Chef Ray

Tickets \$30 Couples \$55

At the door \$40

Proceeds go to Commanders Charity of choice

Chris Hamrick and Rocky Cirigliano

### Wear your Red Shirt



ENTERTAINMENT

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## UPCOMING UNIT EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 6 FAMILY

# CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

HELP US SPREAD JOY THIS YEAR BY  
DONATING A TOY FOR VETERAN CHILDREN  
AT THE VA AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

PLEASE DONATE UNWRAPPED NEW TOYS BY  
**DECEMBER 7**

**PLEASE BRING TO :**

**DISTRICT 6 MEETING**  
MOUNT DORA POST 35.  
920 S HIGHLAND STREET  
MOUNT DORA, FL 32757

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
PENNY (407) 879-2528 OR EMAIL  
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**Does your Unit have a special event coming up? A dance, a dinner, or a fundraiser??? Please send your information to the 6th District Legion webmaster, Bob Colbert, so it can be posted on the Legion Family website. Email—[bcolbert@usa.net](mailto:bcolbert@usa.net)**

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## UPCOMING UNIT EVENTS



The American Legion  
Post 286 Family  
Presents

# Breakfast with Santa

**Sunday Dec. 8, 2024  
9:00 am**

**American Legion Post 286  
529 E Fairlane Ave  
Orlando, FL 32809  
407-859-1460**

Space is limited to please email  
[post286children@gmail.com](mailto:post286children@gmail.com) to  
reserve your child's spot.

for more information email us at  
[post286children@gmail.com](mailto:post286children@gmail.com)

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## UPCOMING UNIT EVENTS



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# What is YOUR Unit Doing?



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## 2024-2025 District Calendar

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER, 2024 :

1-30 Family Caregivers Month  
1-30 Veterans & Military Family Month  
1-30 Warriors Care Month  
1 Be The One Day - <https://tinyurl.com/yc3tcuhz>

3 Daylight Savings Ends

#### 5 Election Day

7 Be the One Training 2:30 PM ET -  
<https://tinyurl.com/bdzbnphe>

10 American Legion Auxiliary Birthday (1919)

10 US Marine Corps Birthday

#### 11 Veterans Day

11 World War I Ends (1918)

#### 11 Armistice/Remembrance Day

11 Conduct Buddy Checks

11 Dept Headquarters Closed

15 Florida Toolbox Articles Due <https://alaf1.org/newsletter-submission>

16 Dept Headquarters Closed

17-23 American Education Week

21 Be the One Training 2:30PM ET - <https://tinyurl.com/36zrsk4d>



### FALL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 22-24TH CARIBE ROYALE HOTEL ORLANDO

24-29 National Family Week

#### 28 Thanksgiving Day

28-29 Dept Headquarters Closed

28-Dec 31 Holiday Blood Drive

**DISTRICT 6 MEETING - DECEMBER 7TH - POST 35 MOUNT DORA -  
REGISTRATION @ 830 AM MEETING @ 9 AM - DEADLINE FOR TOYS FOR THE VA**

**JANUARY 18TH- PRESIDENT CHARLOTTE BASS HOMECOMING UNIT 80 ST CLOUD MORE  
INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

JANUARY 25TH - 6TH DISTRICT ABC SCHOOL POST 55 CLERMONT - MORE INFORMATION  
TO COME

FEBRUARY 8TH - EASTERN AREA BALL POST 117 - SEE ATTACHED FLYER

MARCH 22ND - DISTRICT 6 PICNIC - POST 183 FERN PARK

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