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PENNY'S WORDS OF WISDOM



Welcome to our 1st 6th District newsletter! We hope to make this a success and share all the wonderful things happening not only within our District but also within our Legion Family and anything we hear from Department or National. Speaking of National, I am very pleased to announce from our 6th

District, John Gella Memorial Unit 219, Dara Oliver has been elected as National Historian. Please help me congratulate her and wish her a wonderful year. Also pleased to announce that John Gella Memorial Unit 219 Fruitland Park received one of the National President's Award of Excellence. Also shout out was given to Winter Park Memorial Unit 112 for their work with the Auxiliary Foundation Fund and the Grant they received.



Please come out to our District Meeting scheduled on Saturday, September 14th at Winter Garden Post 63. Registration starts at 930 am and the meeting starts at 10 am. I have lots of great new information to share from National and look forward to doing some amazing things with our Units this year. The structure will be slightly different, focusing more on trainings and sharing ideas and questions.

Reminder that we have Madam President Charlotte Bass visiting our 6th District, September 19th - September 22nd. Currently she will be at Unit 183 September 19th for a Campfire Cookout starting at 6pm please RSVP by September 15th - all are welcome to attend. She will be at Unit 219 on Friday September 20th for Dinner and Shoots at 5 pm and all are welcome to attend but need to RSVP by September 16th to Diane Rousseau at—FLUnit219@gmail.com with the number of members attending from your unit. Saturday, September 21st, Charlotte will be at Pine Castle Post 286 for the spoon dinner. More information to come on that. We still have slots available so please let me know ASAP if you would like to schedule some time with her so we can finish the agenda.

I look forward to seeing you all soon at your meetings and events

September, 2024

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UPCOMING UNIT EVENTS

**Department President Charlotte Bass
is visiting the 6th District in September**

AND

on Friday, September 20th

Unit 219 in Fruitland Park will host a gathering for her.

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED!

{Auxiliary members, Legionnaires, Sons, Riders}

- 4:30 p.m. Meet our Department President Charlotte.
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner (menu: pasta, salad, dessert)
- 6:00 p.m. Shoots ... \$10 per card for 30 games – FYI, prize to the winner of each game is a \$5 bill ... just a fun time filled with friendship.
- 7:30ish p.m. More meet & greet and social time in the lounge.

{Post 219, 194 W Fountain Street, Fruitland Park, FL 34731}

**RSVP by September 16th to Unit Secretary Diane Rousseau
at FLUNIT219@GMAIL.COM or text her at (352) 430-4714
with the # of members who will be coming from the Unit.**



President Charlotte's theme:
"Securing Our Foundation To Build A Stronger Future!"

SIDE NOTE: Do you know about Ashley's House? It's a Transition Home for female veterans being built in Eustis by The Villagers For Veterans. Their annual major fundraiser is the Orchard Gala being held on October 5th. A VERY GENEROUS donor is willing to match donations up to \$20,000 at that gala. So ... even if you don't attend the gala, if you send a check made out to "Villagers For Veterans" and date it for that night (October 5, 2024) and in the memo put 'Ashley's House', it will get matched. So your \$10 will become \$20, your \$50 will become \$100, etc.! It's that easy. Every dollar counts.

If you plan on coming to Post 219 on September 20th, feel free to bring your Unit's donation to Ashley's House with you ... as we're hoping to have representatives from The Villagers For Veterans with us that evening. Otherwise, mail donations to Villagers For Veterans, 2518 Burnsed Blvd., Box 303, The Villages, FL 32163.

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Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



**Help American Legion Auxiliary
Hugh T. Gregory Unit 63
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
Veteran's grave this December at
Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0932P



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Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Short INDOOR Ceremony at 10am

Coffee/donuts/sandwiches & chat

10am – 2pm.

Winter Park American Legion Post 112

4490 N. Goldenrod Rd.

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Reserve your FREE tickets now. Limited to 2 per patron. Monday; October 21, 2024 at the Ritz Theater in Sanford. Arrive by 7:00 pm Show begins promptly at 7:30 pm.

[Order 2 Free Tickets: United States Air Force Academy Band Falconaires](#)

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/35699/production/1202361?performanceId=11474927>

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

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Submitted By Dara Oliver, 6th District and Department of Florida Historian 2023-2025

HISTORY IS MEANT TO BE SHARED ~

Throughout this year, Unit Historians will collect, gather, write, journal, photograph, post, and so much more ... but did you know that it isn't ONLY "their" responsibility to help in making your History a success?

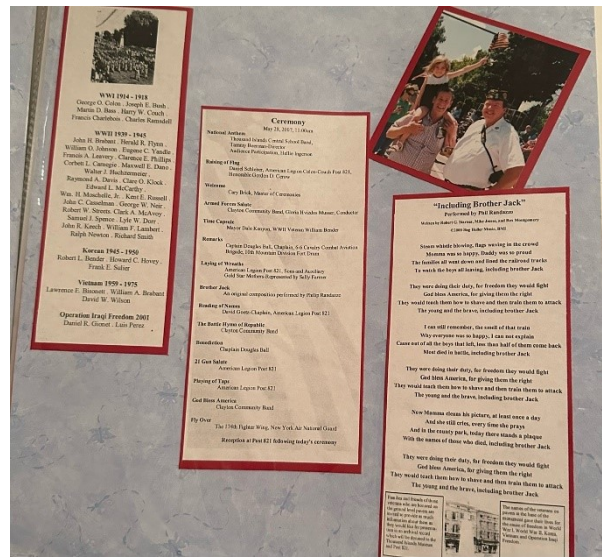
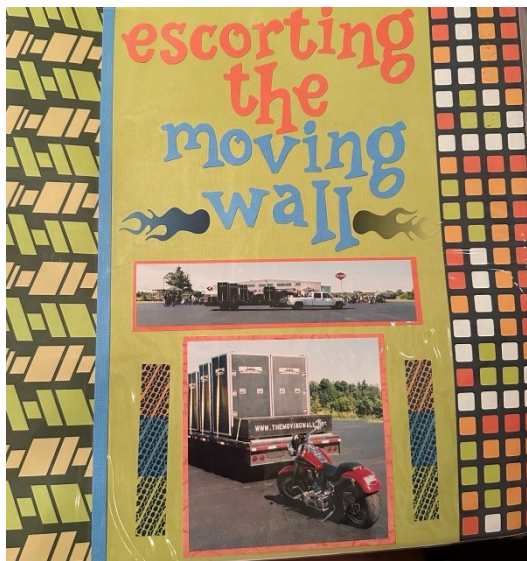
It's everyone in the Unit's job to help by taking photos and writing about what the event, project or program the Unit was involved in.

And did you also know that even though you start your History on the day of Installation, your History isn't just about the travels of your President?

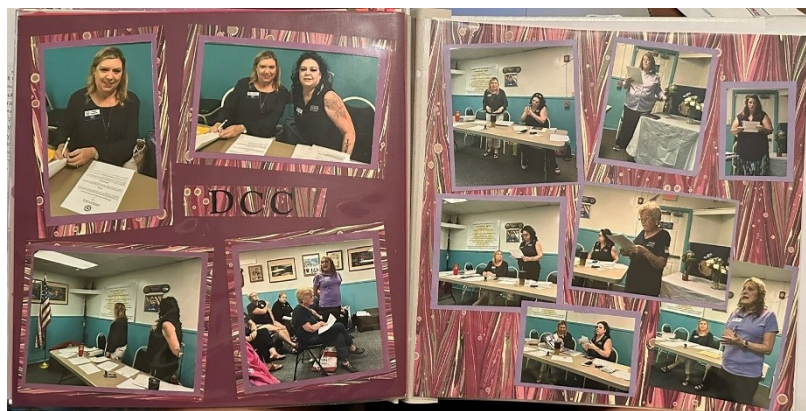
At School of Instruction, a Unit asked how they could get everyone involved in helping to make a scrapbook to submit for the new Department Award: The Voorhis Award, which is a Pictorial History Book. I suggested that they plan a one day event and provide scrapbook paper, the photos, embellishments and craft tools to "build your book." Each member would get the photos for a certain event i.e.: One member would have a Spaghetti 🍝 dinner, another member might have Wreaths Across America, another would have a Gold Star Mother's event, and they each do their own thing. They can decorate, use cut-outs, place photos, frames and stickers to make their page (or pages) depending on the number of photos and extras placed on the page. That way each member can say, they helped in making your Units History Book!



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A two-page spread example -



Sharing doesn't only mean sharing responsibilities either - Sharing information that you've found about your Post Home building, the History of its' name sake, or when your Charter was started - are pieces of information that everyone needs to know. I hope that you can find at least 1 really cool piece of History and share it on the Department Facebook page.

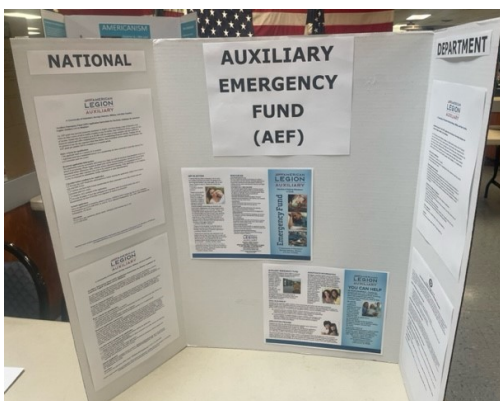
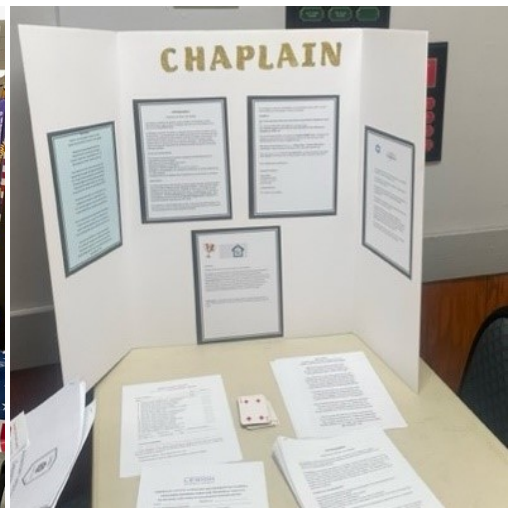
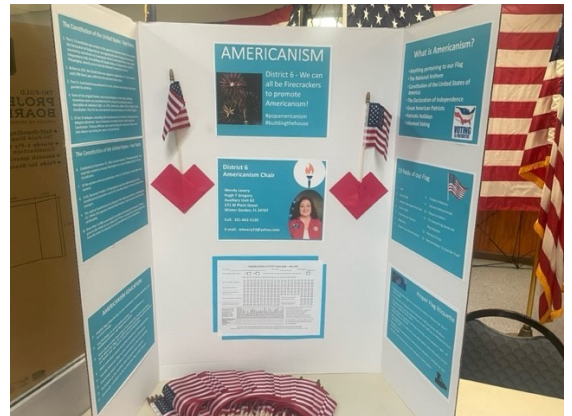
If you need help or you have questions, please contact me -

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Dept. of FL - 6th District News You Can Use **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

August 17th was our School of Instruction held at Post 286 in Orlando where Auxiliary members came together to learn about our many programs. Thanks to Auxiliary Unit 286 for hosting this event and for providing a delicious lunch. A big shout out goes out to all our District Chairs who did an outstanding job helping us learn.

**Just a few
Of our
amazing
display boards**



**Watch for Information
About our
ABC Schools
Coming Soon!**

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UNIT 63—Winter Garden

Hello Auxiliary from Unit 63 Winter Garden. We are excited ~ the band is back together! It is my pleasure to present to you our 2024-2025 Officers:

Lynn Bodell; President, Kathy Weisner; Vice President, Wendy Lavery; Treasurer, Sue Lowrie; Sergeant-at-Arms.

August 3rd we held our first Membership Drive at the Winter Garden Sidewalk Sale. Great meeting so many WG residents and looking forward to receiving new member applications.

August 8th was Installation. It was an honor to stand with our Officers to be sworn in; Kathy, Wendy and Sue were at the Post and I joined via Zoom.

We are underway with our Wreaths Across America Event; our flyer is attached. (See Page 3)

Mark your calendar: Saturday: September 14 ~ District Meeting

On behalf of the Unit 63 Officers and Members, we look forward to hosting and being together at the District Meeting on Saturday; September 14th. Registration begins at: 9:30 am. District Meeting begins at 10:00 am.

Location: Commissioner's Meeting Room at The City of Winter Garden; 300 W. Plant Street, Winter Garden.

Kind regards,

Lynn Bodell

Unit 63 President, 2024-2025

Cell: 407-562-6205

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UNIT 183 OLD GLORY

Auxiliary Early Bird Membership: Renew your dues for the 2025 year before September 15, 2024 and be entered in a drawing to have your 2026 dues paid! The drawing will be held at the October Auxiliary Meeting.

Department President Charlotte Bass 6th District Visit: She will be visiting the 6th district on September 19-22, 2024. On September 19, Unit 183 will entertain her with a Camp Out Movie Night including campfire with campfire food, smores, and more! Please come welcome our Department President.

FUNDRAISING EVENT:

On October 12, 2024, the Unit 183 Auxiliary will be hosting a Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) fundraising event. This holiday honors the deceased. We will be having a pig roast (roasted in La Caja China) and all the sides along with dessert of chocolate flan all for \$12.00. Please come dressed in your finest Spanish attire or Day of the Dead costumes. There will be live music and raffle prizes, including a big cooler filled with all kinds of goodies! All proceeds go to the Debbie Dorton Memorial Scholarship fund.



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UNIT 219—Fruitland Park

Friday, September 20th: Department President Charlotte Bass will be doing her official visit to the 6th District ... and Unit 219 (194 W Fountain St., Fruitland Park) will have the honor of having her join us for our Lite Bites & Shoots event. 5 p.m. Lite Bites - menu being planned now ... 6 p.m. Shoots - 30 games, \$10 per card for all 30 games. All are invited to attend. Please let Unit Secretary Diane Rousseau know so the dinner can be planned accordingly (flfrogs@aol.com). If you can't come for the whole event, come meet President Charlotte before (approx. 4:30 p.m.) or after (approx. 7:15 p.m.). Hope to see lots of you at 219!

UNIT 112—Winter Park

As you've already heard, our Auxiliary theme chosen by our newly elected Department President, Charlotte Bass, for the 2024-2025 program year is:

“Securing our Foundation to Build a Stronger Future.”

#MembershipsTheKey in our goal of **#BuildingTheHouse**.

We kicked off our 2025 membership drive as of July 1st and we are thrilled to report that so far, 23 of our 2024 members (79% of our membership goal) have already paid their 2025 dues! Our challenge this year is to grow our unit to 29 members. The more members we have, the better we can serve the Veterans in our Post and community along with working, and even expanding, what we do as we work the other Auxiliary programs.

So what have we been doing recently?



In June, Marge, Debi, and Nell attended the Department Convention. Our July meeting featured the installation of our 2024-2025 officers along with the officers for the Post and SAL. Congratulations to President Marge, Vice President Terry, Secretary-Treasurer Nell, Chaplain Debi, Sgt at Arms Laurel, and Historian Madelda. As usual, our installation had officers installed via Zoom. Special thanks



to District President, Penny Kanbara and her team for supporting our Unit.

Also in July, Nell attended the Department Workshop and picked up lots of valuable information that will help our Unit as we work the Auxiliary programs. Our Post Adjutant also attended the Workshop and found lots of interesting information that can help our Post.



In August we joined Post 112 members at their meeting for updates from one of our Girls State delegates and the Post 112's four Boys State delegates. Pictured left is one of our delegates receiving her Girls State medal from President Marge. Another of our delegates joined us on Zoom for our regular August Unit meeting on 8/20.

Please join us on 9/11 as we honor the fallen with our Winter Park Legion Family. Patriot Day Ceremony at 10am followed by refreshments and fellowship until 2pm. See flyer on Page 4.

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NAME OUR NEWSLETTER CONTEST



While “News You Can use” is a tried and true name for newsletters, it’s a name that has been over-used by many organizations. So... put your thinking caps on and let’s come up with a dynamic name that exemplifies what our District 6 is all about as we work to **Secure our Foundation to Build a Stronger Future** by **Building the House** where **Membership is the Key**. And remember, this year, our construction tool is a torch.



Submit your ideas to our editor at necolbert@usa.net before **September 20th** and your Unit will get bragging rights for having named

the 2024-2025 District 6 newsletter!



We Want YOUR Unit's Updates

Did you know that YOUR Unit can submit an update about your unit every month so you can be featured in our brand new monthly newsletter? Let’s all shout the good news about what everyone is doing to support our Veterans, our communities and our Children and Youth?.

Did your Unit recognize a Scout with a Good Deed award for their Eagle, Silver, or Gold Award project? **Shout about it!** Did your Unit present a Young Hero Award for saving the life of another person? Again **SHOUT ABOUT IT!** Does your Unit have an annual service project like Unit 219’s peanut butter drive or Unit 112’s Thanksgiving backpack project for a local school’s food pantry? Tell us about it. Is your Unit having a fundraising dinner? We’d love to come to support you, but we can’t if you don’t tell us about it. Did your Unit collect school supplies for Give 10 to Education? Or will your Unit be distributing poppies for Veterans Day? Tell us about what your Unit is doing!

Submit your article by the 20th of each month to our newsletter editor by emailing your articles and pictures to necolbert@usa.net. Please don’t embed your pictures in your article, send them as an attachment to your email. Your article can be as long or as short as you want to make it—just send it in every month for our newsletter! **WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THE GOOD WORK YOU’RE DOING!**

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The Chaplain's Prayer—Paula Fox



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 and Paula at foxinails1282@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 so that National's records can be updated.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our 6th District Auxiliary has a brand new Facebook Group!

Because so many of our Units and members asked to be able to post pictures from their activities or promote their Unit's upcoming events. President Penny and Membership Chair, Patsy, created this group for us to share our successes.

To join the group, just copy and paste the link below into your browser or do a Facebook search for ALAFL District 6 and click on "join" to become part of the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/481416551442367>

You'll find pictures from national convention that recently ended along with pictures for fundraising events like this one sponsored by the Post 10 Legion family. And even our Membership Goal Dates for 2024-2025.

~DEPARTMENT GOAL DATES~
Awards will be based on membership entered into ALAMIS member database by the dates below

- 75% ONE BRICK AT A TIME- DEC. 1, 2024
- 85% CONSTRUCT A DREAM- MAR. 15, 2025
- 95% NO FOOLING AROUND- APRIL 1, 2025
- 100% RAISE THE ROOF- MAY 13, 2025



Just remember—when you post upcoming events to our new group, be sure to also send your information to our editor for inclusion in our next newsletter!

**JOIN US AT OUR
COMMUNITY & FAMILY
BLOCK PARTY!**

Saturday, October 5, 2024 10am-6pm
1655 Kings Hwy, Kissimmee, 34744
Proceeds Benefit Lin Marcheggiani
of Post and Chapter 10, Kissimmee

SCAVENGER HUNT
Registration 10-11am KSU at 11am, Riders \$15 and Passengers \$10
2, 3 and 4 Wheelers Welcome

AUCTION

**ICE CREAM
sundae bar**

FOOD TRUCK!

**CARNIVAL CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT**



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2024-2025 District Calendar

- The 6th District family meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2024 at Post 63 in Winter Garden , 271 Plant Street, 34787. Registration is at 930 and the meeting starts at 10 am. After the joint Legion Family opening, the Auxiliary moves to City Hall across the street.
- Madam President Charlotte Bass will be visiting the 6th District from September 19-September 22nd. Tentatively she will be at Post 183 on Thursday September 19th for a " Campfire cookout " and all are welcome to attend. Unit 219 is hosting Madam President on on Friday evening for a "lite Bites and Shoots" event beginning at 5pm. Saturday, September 21st Charlotte will be at Pine Castle Post 286 for the spoon dinner. We do have some flexibility if someone wanted to do something on Wednesday .
- Fall conferences have been designed to serve as fun and learning opportunities through breakout classes and distinguished guest speakers. Each year Fall Conference is geared toward the needs of our members. **November 22 - 24, 2024** | Caribe Royale Orlando
- 6th District Family Meeting
Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 9 AM
Post 35, 920 S Highland St, Mount Dora, FL 32757
- 6th District Family Meeting
Saturday, March 1st, 2025 - 9 AM
Post 347, 699 W Lady Lake Blvd, Lady Lake, FL 32159
- 6th District Picnic—Post 183, Altamonte
- 6th District Family DCC
Saturday, April 26, 2025 - 9 AM
Post 80, 1019 Pennsylvania Ave, St. Cloud, FL 34769
- Department of Florida 2025 Convention
June 12-15, 2025
Orlando Hilton Lake Buena Vista, 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830



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