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GROUND CONTROL | LETTERS FROM D6-HQ

District 6,

Have you ever wondered why the moon orbits the Earth, instead of the other way around? It seems like such a simple question, doesn't it? But when a child asks, a reason must be given! That question reminded me that no matter how old we are, how much we think we know, or sometimes how much others think we know, there's always something more to learn.

Curiosity leads to questions. Questions lead to knowledge. And knowledge opens doors we might never have considered. But curiosity doesn't just float aimlessly, it orbits a purpose. Just as the moon's path has shape and direction, our ORBIT in the Auxiliary provides shape and direction for our mission and our service.

Each letter in ORBIT can be a reminder of how we, as district 6 STARs, move together.

***O** is for Opportunities to listen, to learn, to lift and to lead. Each of those opportunities shows up in big and small moments.*

***R** is for Recognition-honoring the accomplishments, contributions and dedication of our members and units. Each unit has its own page in "The Orbit" to highlight those moments and events.*

***B** is for Benefits, including friendships, celebrating others' successes, and the support that helps each member feel heard and valued*

***I** is for Information. The nuts and bolts of what we do-who, what, when, where, why and how. Think of Radar O'Reilly, who always seemed to know who needed what, where to find it, when it was needed, and how to make it happen. Sharing information in our Auxiliary helps each of us know where we're needed, and how we can take part.*

***T** is for Teamwork, bringing our strengths, resources, and talents together, so we accomplish more than any one of us could alone.*

There is always something more to learn and another avenue of service. As District 6 STARs, may we stay curious, make room for one another,and let our shared mission keep us moving together in an ORBIT of service.

Anita Truman Hutchinson
District 6 President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Florida

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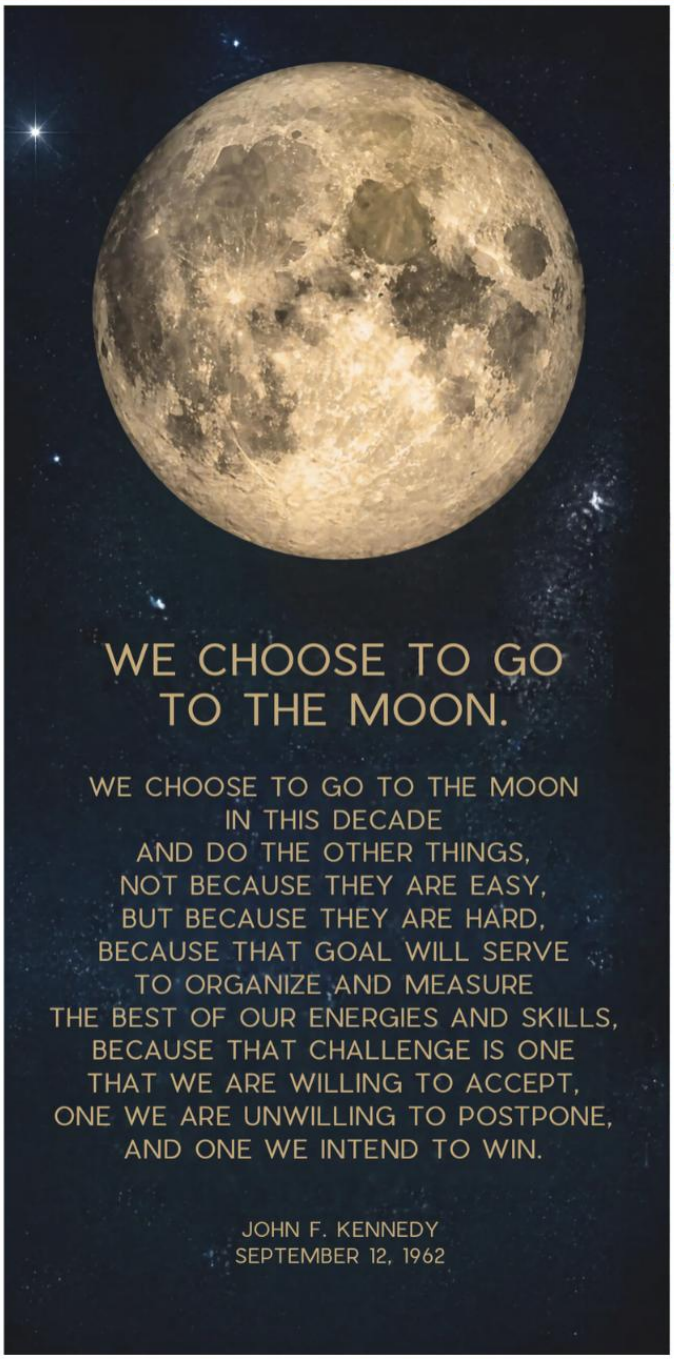

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DISTRICT 6 STAR FACTS

DISCOVER ★ CONNECT ★ SUPPORT

GET CONNECTED

with Your

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA AUXILIARY FACEBOOK PAGES!

We are excited to introduce you to all of the Department of Florida Auxiliary Facebook pages!

Each day, one Department Facebook page will be featured. A direct link will be shared so you can easily visit the page and join.

This is a great way to learn more about each committee and the Department chairperson's initiatives.

★ PLEASE ANSWER THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS FOR EACH COMMITTEE'S PAGE AND AGREE TO GROUP RULES. ★

VISIT AND JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FACEBOOK PAGES LISTED BELOW:

- ALAFL Americanism
- ALAFL Chaplain
- ALAFL Children & Youth
- ALAFL Community Service
- ALAFL Constitution & Bylaws
- ALAFL Department
- ALAFL Education Program
- ALAFL Emergency Fund
- ALAFL History
- ALAFL Leadership
- ALAFL Legislative
- ALAFL Membership
- ALAFL National Security
- ALAFL Past Presidents Parley
- ALAFL Poppy
- ALAFL Public Relations
- ALAFL VA&R
- American Legion Auxiliary Florida Juniors

★ *Stay tuned to see which committee is featured first!* ★

BE INFORMED. ★ BE INSPIRED. ★ BE THE MISSION. MISSION AUXILIARY SERVING HEROES ★

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UNIT 19 ORLANDO

Americanism
Trees for Troops, a donation of $50 was made for 2 Christmas trees to be delivered to a military base.

A member visited the 9/11 Memorial in Maspeth, NY that has the most firefighters and HazMat pass away.

Community Service

At the Florida Fossil Hunters Fossil Fair, T-shirts were sold by a member and 8 storage containers purchased for the extra T-shirts, $60

One of our members from Blessed Trinity prepared food and fed the homeless and a member held meetings, planned, and organized National Night Out.

The Down Syndrome Foundation had our volunteer complete the accounting and payroll. Two members, a senior and junior, fed raptors and cleaned cages at the Avian Reconditioning Center, Birds of Prey Center in Apopka several times.

The Lakewood Ranch Cheerleaders were provided food, and taught cheers by a Unit member. Two Unit 19 members supported Childhood Cancer Day for Lilly, a child they know.

The Glen Arden Heights Civic Association Board meeting minutes were taken, the Directory was updated, and the newsletter was created. Vines along the wall of the subdivision were also pulled by the member as the maintenance just mows and edges.

Education
Apopka High School Beta Club, received $200 from a member. A member is now tutoring two students in Spanish to assist them in passing the DBA test.

Legislative
A member continues to attend the City of Altamonte Springs City Commission meetings. The subject at the last meeting was the enormous amount spent on the Eastmonte Ball fields. The member did research and emailed the City Manager, Frank Martz, with an alternative idea. She did receive a response.

VA & R
Six members take care of veterans. Members purchased magnetic boards and markers. They also paid to gravel the driveway and pay for the lawn care.

Another member picks up and delivers bread and desserts from Publix to veterans every week.

Two bronze grave markers from Emblem Sales were purchased and placed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, NY for a Past Commander and Past President of Maspeth Post 783.j

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UNIT 35 MOUNT DORA

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We attended this awesome Gala that honored female Veterans, those that passed, those that remember and those that are struggling. There is an Ashley house in the Villages and one opening soon in Eustis that assists these ladies that are transitioning from active duty to civilian life- these houses give them a place to live while acclimating. It was awesome and I was very excited to be a part of it! The first photo here, is our group- the 2nd was Ashley herself who was KIA, 3rd was the female Veteran who was honored at our table (each table had one) and the third was the keynote speakers who posed with me.

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UNIT 112 WINTER PARK

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October was very busy for our mighty Auxiliary and the next couple of months will be even busier!

Information about our Americanism Essay Contest has been sent to the elementary schools who always submit entries.

In late September, we presented another National Good Deed Award to an Eagle Scout in Troop 4613.

We assisted with the Flag Retirement ceremony led by Scouts BSA Troops 613 and 4613 sponsored by Post 112 on 9/29.

Two of our members are runners who participate in various races to raise funds for local charities like Tunnels to Towers.

Marge, Bob, Mercedes, and Nell shopped for our Adopt-A-Teacher and our Tushies and Toes projects that were delivered to Eastbrook in October.

Nell, Marge, and Bob presented our annual Scholastic Achievement check to our Eastbrook teacher who uses the program for her 1st grade class. Each of her 20 students gets one book per month throughout the school year to keep – what a great Give 20 to Education project!

Nell and Bob attended a recent Sunrise Rotary Club meeting where Nell made a brief presentation and accepted the club's grant that supports our Girls State and school medals program.

Our membership drive is going well – as this article is written, we are at 83% of our goal.

We have made some housekeeping changes to our Constitution and ByLaws to incorporate the recent changes to Auxiliary membership eligibility made by the American Legion during their August national convention. Because of this change, we welcomed Bob Colbert as our newest member who was eligible due to his father's military service.

On November 6th, we'll be joining our Post at Hannibal Square in Winter Park for the annual Celebration of Veterans where we hope to meet some prospective Unit members.

We continue to celebrate the birthdays of our military branches by serving birthday cakes at our Post meetings in the months in which they appear.

We will have our usual table at Eastbrook's Veterans Day breakfast and program, and we will be shopping for and delivering our donation of food bags for Eastbrook's Friday backpack program.

We will be shopping for our Veteran Holiday gift baskets for the Lake Baldwin Giving Tree families in early November along with helping the Post shop for their Giving Tree families.

Coming in January and February, we will be judging the Americanism Essays we receive along with interviewing candidates for Girls State.

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UNIT 219 FRUITLAND PARK

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Unit 219 in Fruitland Park is working together with the Post Family on events and activities including an upcoming Halloween Party set for October 31st with a live band. $10 Tickets are available at the door or attendees can bring a dish to pass.

The Unit is keeping active by hosting their monthly Light Bites and Shoots fundraiser, which is basically "Show me the Money game" or Meat Shoot (with No Meat) winners receive a cash prize, on the 3rd Friday of every month which also falls on RED Shirt Friday.

The Auxiliary is also in full swing with their Annual Community Service Peanut Butter drive and have collected both jars of peanut butter and monetary donations to buy peanut butter to donate to Beyond the Walls food Pantry in Fruitland Park. The last day to donate is Make a Difference Day on October 28th - what a very fitting day! Thanks to Chair Diane Rousseau and all the donators and helpers!

The Unit hosted another Crafty Crop Retreat where crafters could rent a table for 3 days and work on their crafts without having to pick up their supplies and table each night. Crafters worked on scrapbooking, card making, diamond dots and deco podge, just to name a few. The unit provided most of the food during the 3 days and reached their goal for their fundraising efforts. The attendees said that they enjoy coming to the Legion Post because they get to talk to others about their crafts and they said the food is always good. It's a fun and enjoyable time especially since it's open from 8 in the morning until 8 at night.

President Patty Halliday thought outside of the box for raising funds for our Unit & programs, so she decided to take Texas Roadhouse up on their offer of a Dine to Donate fundraiser on Wednesday, from 5 to 8 PM. The Unit was also able to have a 50-50 raffle which brought in some extra funds. The Unit members used this opportunity to recruit new members and spoke briefly to interested parties about the benefits associated with their Membership. Dara Oliver and Lois Halliday were in a healthy recruitment competition to see who could sign up the most female Veterans.

Upcoming events will be Poppy distribution on Veterans Day, November 11th, a ceremony in front of City Hall starting at 11 am and a lunch will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Fall Conference at the Caribe Royal has made it difficult for many members to cover the monthly shoots, so the Executive Committee has voted to cancel "Lite Bites and Shoots" for November, but the Unit will be hosting a Past Presidents Parley lunch honoring Female Veterans in the area. All 6th District or Department Past Presidents will be invited to attend, and All Female Veterans will be honored. Anyone wishing to attend can come with a nominal fee to cover lunch but please RSVP.

A Craft Fair / Vendors Expo will be held in December, right before Christmas, more info will be forthcoming.

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Pictured: Dr. Telka diFate, President ALA 242 East Orlando with Fisher House Director George Deny

Dr. Telka diFate, President of American Legion Auxiliary 242 in East Orlando recently met with the George Denby, Director of Fisher House at Orlando VA Medical Center. ALA 242 donated a wagon full of items that this facility needed to help families of veterans who temporarily stay at Fisher House while a family member is being treated at the VA Medical Center.

Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher were strong supporters of the Armed Forces and Zachary Fisher used his construction business in many philanthropic endeavors. Zachary established the Fisher House Foundation in 1990 as a response to the need for housing military families while their loved ones were hospitalized. These homes are referred to as "homes of comfort" and they provide free temporary lodging to the families of veterans and service members who are receiving medical care.

In 1991 President George H. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush attended the dedication ceremony of the first Fisher House at the Walter Reed Military Medical Center. Presently, the foundation is recognized for having built over 100 Fisher House facilities in the USA and abroad. Each house is located near a US Department VA hospital or clinic.

All the Fisher Houses are located on government owned property, built by the Fisher Foundation, but gifted back to the military to operate in perpetuity. However, the houses are not funded by the US government. The Fisher Foundation continues in this capacity along with voluntary donations and partnerships with other organizations such as Newman's Own, National Football League Players Association and more. The Fisher House Foundation also even covered death gratuity payments of $100,000 to families of soldiers killed in the line of duty during the government shutdowns.

Currently, Kenneth Fisher, Zachary's grandnephew, continues the legacy and serves as the Chairman and CEO of the Fisher House Foundation.

In 1999, the US Senate passed a bill that conferred upon Fisher the status of honorary veteran of the Armed Forces. Fisher had attempted to enlist in the military during WWII but was disqualified due to a preexisting medical condition. Only Bob Hope shares the status of honorary veteran of the Armed Forces.

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UNIT 286 PINECASTLE

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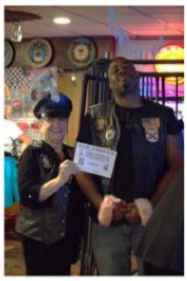
Our Post 286 Legion family came together on October 3rd for our Sock Hop Cancer Awareness Benefit, and it was a huge success! This joint event brought all our Legion families together for an evening of fun while supporting children in our local community who are facing cancer.



A little friendly competition at our Sock Hop Cancer Awareness Benefit—all for a great cause! Poodle skirts, Pink Ladies jackets, and crazy socks added to the fun, along with music, horse races, and our infamous jail that kept everyone smiling while helping raise funds for local children facing cancer. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and joined us. Your support made it possible for Pine Castle Memorial American Legion Post 286 to make donations to two local children's cancer charities.

One of those charities was Base Camp Children's Cancer Foundation. On October 16th, we welcomed Terri Robbins, a representative to our Post and presented a $2,500 check. It was wonderful to see the generosity of our Legion family turn into support for local children and their families. Terry's car – what a colorful reminder of the children and families BASE Camp supports, thanks to the generosity of our community.

We're also looking forward to our annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 6th, at 9:00 a.m. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast, meet Santa, and take pictures together at Post 286, located at 529 E. Fairlane Avenue in Orlando. Bring your Christmas wish-list and get ready for some holiday fun!

Reservations are required, and seating is limited. No walk-ins will be accepted. Reserve your child's spot by emailing post286children@gmail.com or calling 407-859-1460.

We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you!
For God and Country,
American Legion Auxiliary
Pine Castle Memorial Unit 286.

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UNIT 347 LADY LAKE

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Celebrating Education by Support Students Locally
We invite students that have participated in our Unit sponsored education programs in October to provide feedback to our membership relative to the program they participated in.

Lake Sumter State College
Sr. VP Institutional Advancement and Executive Director, Dr. Laura Byrd, visited our Unit General meeting to thank our membership for its continued support and to help them understand the impact this program has on their nursing school, their students, and the community.

The Unit has been donating to the College for several years to assist second-year nursing students by paying that year's tuition in full for those students that may not finish the program due to lack of funds.

Dr. Byrd shared with the group that our Unit's donations of $113,000 over the last three years have helped 38 nurses. 33 have graduated, 4 are in the process of completing their degree with only one student leaving the program! Unit 347 is being honored with an induction into the Lake Sumter Legacy Society by the College at a ceremony on November 5, 2026.

Girls State
Unit 347 spends ~$4,000/year on this program. Our 2026 delegates were: Evie Blackburn, Charlotte DeClerk, and Annison Chandler from the Villages High School; Ava Barnes, Emma Hartley from Leesburg High School. The Girls gave the program a big thumbs up!

National Flight Academy
Each year, Unit 347 sends three eighth-grade students to the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, FL for a six-day mission aboard a 102,000-square-foot virtual air-craft carrier. These students become AMBITION eXperimental Pilots (AXP's) with each mission becoming more complex than the last.

Students explore aviation, engineering, navigation, meteorology, survival skills, and aerodynamics through hands-on challenges aligned with national educational standards. ALA Unit 347 spends over $5,000. on this STEM program. The students that are lucky enough to be selected by the school to attend this program, absolutely love it. The students that attended the 2026 session are: Bowen Chen and Michael Rouse, Villages Middle - Buffalo Ridge; Jonuelys Villazan, Villages Middle – Middleton.

Adopting The Villages Elementary School

We recently had the opportunity to meet with the Principal of The Villages Elementary School along with several other staff members and counselors. A plan was presented that would incorporate Unit 347 embracing the school, students, and teachers throughout the year with programs that will encompass the areas of Americanism, Children and Youth, National Security, Community Service, and will include support from Post 347 also. Buddy Bags were created (after seeing a sample at a District 6 meeting) to help students who are in crisis and games were donated to be used in the Family Room where parents, guardians, students, and siblings can meet to address issues at hand. The year ahead of us will be very exciting and we are looking forward to it!

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 347 Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest, an annual dinner dance held by Unit 347 for the past 10+ years was again a huge success under the leadership of Barbara Kyle, Second Vice President. Barbara and her team put forth a great deal of effort in the weeks and days prior to the dinner dance. The food was extraordinarily delicious and consisted of bratwurst, jägerschnitzel, German potato salad, red cabbage, spaetzle, cabbage, cucumber salad, applesauce, rye bread, and apple pie/ice cream all prepared and served by members of the Auxiliary. Many of the guests are repeat attendees and have commented that this is one of their favorite events to attend and that the food was the best they have ever had!

Jonnell and the G-Man again graciously donated their music to the event much to the delight of the attendees who danced the night away.

The money raised from the evening will go towards the VA&R programs for Veterans, which turned out to be more than last year.

Our Volunteers who made this event happen!

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OPERATIONS & LOGISTICS

WHAT DID YOUR UNIT DO LAST MONTH?

Send your articles to

necolbert @ usa.net

BY the 20th of every month

To be included in next month's newsletter

Does your Unit have a special event coming?

Please send your information to the 6th District Legion webmaster, so it can be posted on the Legion Family website.

Email - FLAD6ORG@gmail.com

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BEACON OF HOPE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

November Chaplains Report: Anchored in the Light of Christ

Hello District 6 Auxiliary Chaplains!

As November arrives, we find ourselves traveling through a season of gratitude, remembrance, and service. Like travelers charting a course through a vast galaxy, we look to Christ, the Light of the World, as our guiding star. His love shines brighter than any constellation, reminding us that we are never alone on our journey.

This month, as we celebrate Veterans Day and gather around Thanksgiving tables, we are called to reflect on the blessings God has placed in our orbit. We give thanks for our veterans, active-duty service members, military families, and all who have answered the call to serve. Their sacrifice and dedication help illuminate the path of freedom for future generations.

As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we are part of a greater constellation of service. Each Unit, District, and Department shines with its own unique light, but together we form a powerful galaxy dedicated to our mission of supporting veterans, promoting patriotism, mentoring youth, and strengthening our communities. Through programs such as Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Americanism, Children & Youth, and Poppy activities, we help reflect God's compassion to those around us.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* Gratitude is the fuel that keeps our spiritual journey moving forward. Even during seasons of challenge, God's promises remain as constant as the stars He placed in the heavens.

May the Creator of the galaxies bless you with peace and surround you with His grace throughout this season of thanksgiving.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." Psalm 19:1

God Bless Our Veterans, Our Auxiliary Family, and Our Nation.

In Service and Faith,
Yvonne Hargis
District 6 Chaplain
Department of Florida
American Legion Auxiliary

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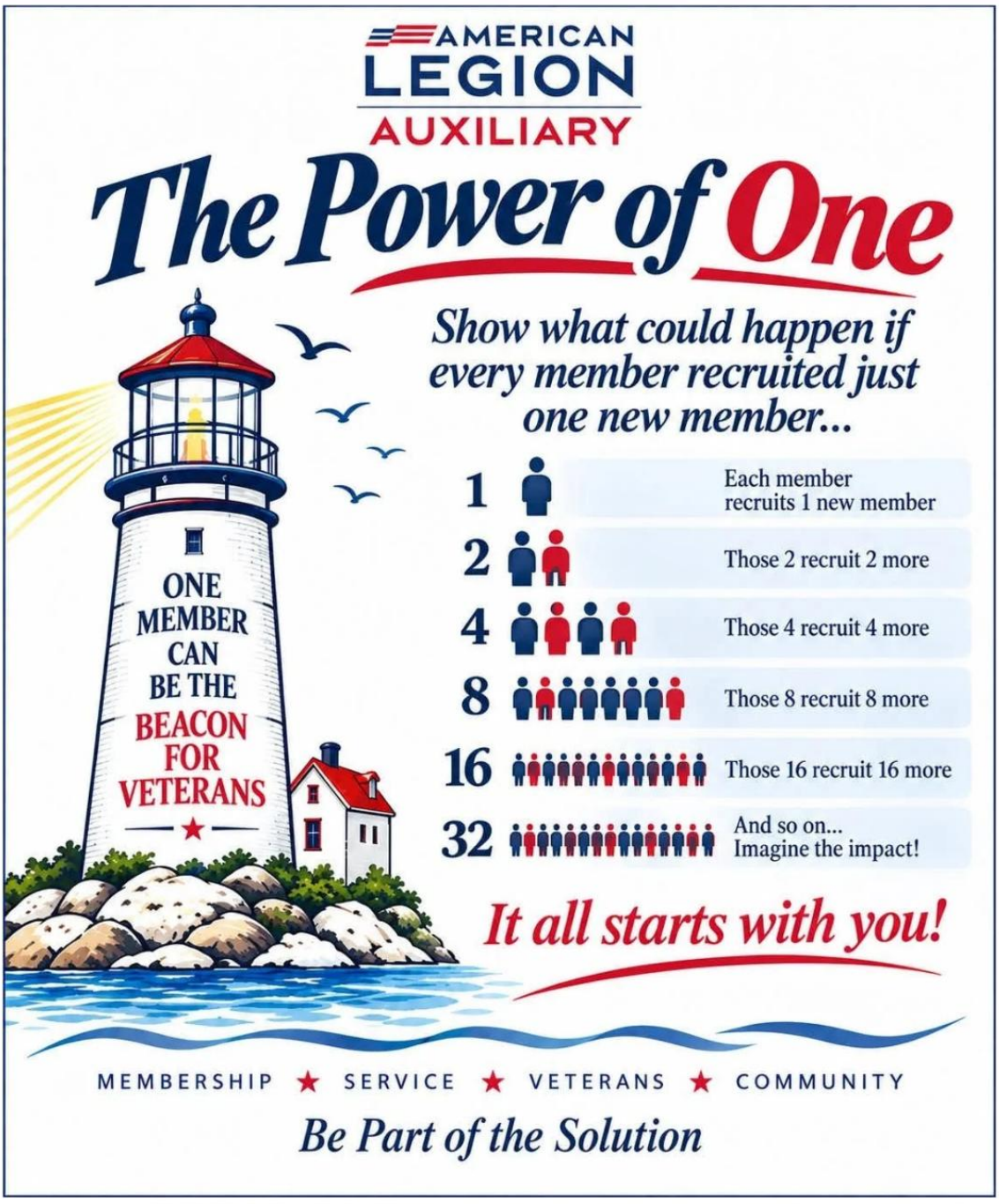

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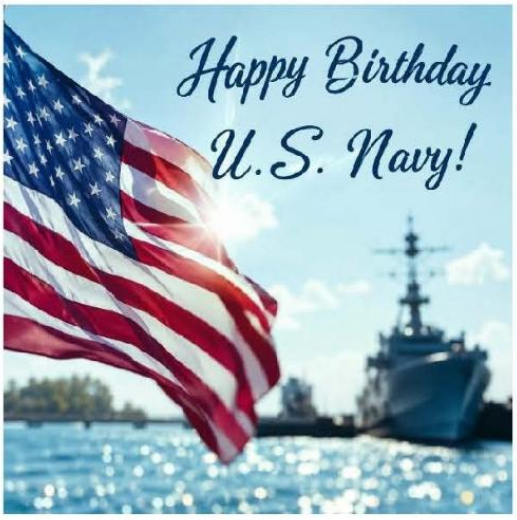
NATIONAL SECURITY

Submitted By Alan Adams, Commander, District 6

As we have seen, Hurricane Isaias has hit the panhandle of our state. I've been receiving emails & texts today on how D6 can help. First off, thanks to all the posts looking to dig in and help. I've been asked, "how can we help those in need?" a bunch recently. Department is asking that nobody goes into the affected areas as the roads are clogged and they want to keep it clear. Instead, a donation to Project Vet Relief with the comment of "Disaster Relief Fund" to donate to the cause. This will ensure the funds get allocated to the appropriate place. If you are planning on collecting items to deliver to the area, please contact myself or our District 6 disaster preparedness chair, Bob Pizzurro, bobp0810@gmail.com, to get your questions answered.

I also received a personal request today from a member of Post 419 in Horizon West. He is personally connected to an active-duty Army soldier who has been impacted by the hurricane. He isn't asking for the world but only asking for help to cover his insurance deductible. I'm asking everyone reading this to share the message and if you can give, support one of our own in the service. Give, share via email & social media, and pray for this Army service member. Let's do what we can, District 6. https://gofund.me/51c34f699 I've already donated to help one of our own, so I encourage each of you to do the same and let him know you are part of the American Legion so that everyone knows we are here to support our brothers/sisters in arms.



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American Legion Auxiliary

Serving Veterans ★ Supporting Military Families
Building Stronger Communities

The Four Pillars

Support for Veterans | National Security | Americanism | Children & Youth

3 Americanism

Instilling patriotism, pride and a love of country in each generation.

The third pillar of the American Legion Auxiliary focuses on promoting patriotism, respect for our country's heritage, and encouraging active citizenship. It's about honoring our freedoms, teaching our history, and inspiring future generations to carry the torch of Americanism.

Proud of Our Country

★ HOW WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ★

AS A DEPARTMENT

We can:

- Promote the Preamble to the Constitution and the Flag Code at conferences and events.
- Support patriotic programs, including Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Flag Day.
- Sponsor youth programs such as Americanism Essay, Oratorical and Junior Member activities.
- Encourage Units to display flags and participate in community patriotic events.
- Partner with schools and community organizations to teach the history of our nation.

AS A UNIT

We can:

- Hold flag-raising ceremonies and patriotic observances at meetings and events.
- Participate in local parades, Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs.
- Sponsor or support local youth patriotic contests and scholarships.
- Educate members and the community about the meaning of Americanism.
- Display the U.S. flag and patriotic symbols at our Unit meetings and activities.

AS A MEMBER

I can:

- Fly the American flag with pride and respect.
- Learn and share the history of our country and the meaning of our freedoms.
- Teach patriotism to my family, friends and community.
- Participate in patriotic events and community service projects.
- Be a positive example of American values in my daily life.

Together We Can

SUPPORT ★ HONOR ★ EMPOWER

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PATRIOT FEST

★★★★★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

American Legion Post 35 Mount Dora

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FLORIDA VETERANS COALITION

BE THE BEACON

A COMMUNITY UNITED. A NATION THANKFUL.

POST 35
MOUNT DORA

SATURDAY, 4PM - 6PM
NOVEMBER 7, 2026
920 S HIGHLAND AVE, MOUNT DORA, FL

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	**OPENING CEREMONY & VENDORS** Benediction, Flag Raising, National Anthem, Family-friendly activities, community booths, Legion Kitchen & Bar ***Open to Public***
4:30 PM	**GUEST SPEAKERS, SPONSOR & VENDOR RECOGNITION**
5:30 PM	**AWARDS & RECOGNITION, CLOSING CEREMONY** *Honoring Veterans and Community Supporters*
6:30 PM	**EVENING CONCERT** ***LIVE*** *music at the Post 35 indoor stage!*

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AMERICAN LEGION

ARMY-NAVY

GAME WATCH PARTY

American Legion Post 112

December 12, 2026

Starting at 2:30 PM

Post 112, 4490 North Goldenrod Road, Winter Park, FL

Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to Cmdr Beltz before 12/9/2026

RSVP TODAY

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMORIES

Celebrating Elvis

COME DRESSED AS ELVIS!

JANUARY 10, 2027

★ 5 - 8 P.M. ★

ELVIS LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST

Serving some of Elvis' favonite foods including:

- ★ Southern Fried Chicken
- ★ Corn Muffins
- ★ Pulled Pork
- ★ Southern Banana Pudding

50/50

LOTTO BOARD

DOOR PRIZES

COST $30 PER PERSON

Entertainment by

Jonelle & The G-Man

All proceeds benefit Auxiliary veterans programs and projects.

Upcoming VETERANS & MILITARY OBSERVANCES

OCTOBER ★ NOVEMBER ★ DECEMBER

Honoring ★ Remembering ★ Supporting ★ Serving Always

★ OCTOBER OBSERVANCES ★

October 7	**Global War on Terrorism and Desert Storm Veterans Appreciation Day**
October 13	**U.S. Navy Birthday** (established in 1775)
October 26	**National Day of the Deployed** (honoring deployed service members worldwide)
October 27	**Navy Day** (historical recognition of the naval service)
October 28	**Statue of Liberty's Birthday**

★ NOVEMBER OBSERVANCES ★

Entire Month	**National Veterans & Military Family Month & Warrior Care Month**
November 10	**U.S. Marine Corps Birthday** (established in 1775)
November 11	**Veterans Day** (Federal holiday honoring all American veterans)
November 11	**Armistice Day / Remembrance Day** (international WWI remembrance)

★ DECEMBER OBSERVANCES ★

December 7	**National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** (marking the 1941 attack)
December 13	**U.S. National Guard Birthday** (established in 1636)
Mid-December	**National Wreaths Across America Day** (laying wreaths on veterans' graves)
December 20	**U.S. Space Force Birthday** (established in 2019)

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DISTRICT 6 MISSION SCHEDULE

November

Patriot Fest
Saturday, November 7, 2026 – 4 PM to 6 PM
Post 35, 920 S Highland Ave, Mount Dora, FL

Blood Drive
Saturday, November 7, 2026 – 9AM – 2 PM
Post 286, 529 Fairlane Ave, Orlando, FL 32809

Happy Birthday Marines
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – 6 PM
Post 183, 2706 Wells Ave, Fern Park, FL 32730

Veterans Day & Flag Retirement Ceremony
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – 5 PM
Post 183, 2706 Wells Ave, Fern Park, FL 32730

Fall Conference
Friday-Sunday, November 20-22, 2026
Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Dr, Orlando, FL 32821

December

6th District Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, December 5, 2026 – 10 AM
Post 35, 920 S Highland St, Mt Dora, FL 32757

Army-Navy Watch Party
Saturday, December 12, 2026 – 2 PM
Post 112, 4490 N Goldenrod Rd, Winter Park, FL 32792

ALR – D6R Quarterly Meeting / Ride
Saturday, December 12, 2026 – 10 AM
Post 347, 699 W Lady Lake Blvd, Lady Lake, FL 32159

Wreaths Across American
Saturday, December 19, 2026 – 11 AM
Various cemeteries across the nation

January 2027

ABC School – Southeast Area
Saturday, January 23, 2027
Location to be determined (Unit 10 or Unit286)

Feburary 2027

ALR Summit
Fri-Sun, February 25-27, 2027
100 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL

March 2027

6th District Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, March 6, 2027 – 10 AM
Post 80, 1019 Pennsylvania Ave, St Cloud, FL 34769

6th District Boys/Girls State Transportation Picnic
Sunday, March 14, 2027
Hickory Point Park, Tavares, FL

ALR – D6R Quarterly Meeting / Ride
Saturday, March 20, 2027 – 10 AM
Post 347, 699 W Lady Lake Blvd, Lady Lake, FL 32159

April 2027

ALR – Children & Youth Picnic
Saturday, April 10, 2027 – TBD
Location TBD (Check back)

ALR State Rally
Saturday, April 24, 2027
Start at 620 Hickman Cir, Sanford, FL

May 2027

6th District Constitutional Conference
Saturday, May 8, 2027 – 10 AM
Post 347, 699 W Lady Lake Blvd, Lady Lake, FL 32159

June 2027

108th Department Convention
June 24-27, 2027
Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Dr, Orlando, FL 32821

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