

American Legion Auxiliary
11th District Year-End Report
2015-2016

Hard to believe the year is already over. Beginning with the Installation of Officers, School of Instruction, ABC School and Constitutional Conference it has been an exciting year.

Units 65 Delray Beach & Unit 271 Tequesta hosted dinners for Renewal Coalition in Jupiter which provides a weekend retreat for Veterans and their families.

Unit 271 Tequesta also clipped over \$180,523 in coupons to send overseas this year. Two Little Miss Poppy's helped place poppies and flags at the cemetery. A Junior member assisted special needs children.

Unit 62 Stuart had 8,312 volunteer hours with in kind donations totaling \$144,420.15. \$15,000 was donated to Harold Johns Post for a new building. Coupons clipped had a value of \$98,506.90. The unit participated in 2 Honor Flights and also donated 3 quilts and 5 cross body purses. The had several photos in the local newspaper and on their digital website.

Unit 164 Boynton Beach collected box tops for computers for the local school – value \$150. Leadership Program Chairman conducted a mini workshop on duties of the officers and chairman.

Unit 268 Riviera Beach held a Memorial Day Service to honor the deceased Veterans of the Post members. The white bags were adorned with pictures, names and stickers to honor those no longer with them. It was a moving ceremony. In July the Unit organizes a Back to School bash to provide haircuts and manicures for the children before they return to school. School supplies are given to the students and hot dogs & sodas are provided during the day. The unit also take cupcakes and candy canes to Jackson Day Care for their Christmas Party each year. Lucille Sweeting who organizes the back to school bash was recently honored with a plaque for the 20 years she has volunteered at the VA Medical Center. Kathleen (Kelli) Morrison works tirelessly to help Veterans find assistance for anything they may need help with.

Some of the other activities our units participated in were providing coffee to Jupiter Vets Center throughout the year, presenting a \$1000 Scholarship to a graduating high school senior, working with JROTC to make 600 pocket flags to send to units in Afghanistan, donating \$500 in sheets, blankets, towels and detergent and cleaning items to Stand Down house

Some of the methods of raising funds for the programs are:

Unit 199 West Palm Beach - Giving the members a piggy bank to put in their homes for loose change. When it is full they return it to the Unit.

Unit 47 - Place piggy banks in the Canteen for loose change.

Unit members contacted national representatives via phone calls, fax, emails and letters 208 times, including a trip to Washington, D.C. by 2 members who discussed veteran issues with 12 members of Congress.

The 15 units which make up the Elegant 11th District are filled with amazing women who work tirelessly donating their time and energy for the Veterans in the area.

For God and Country,

Sandra Tutz-Fry
District 11 President
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