

District 16 Report 2015-16
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President Pearl's theme, From the Service of One, comes the Support of Many was embraced by all 14 Units throughout the 16th District. Our veterans, children and communities were assisted in many ways.

Veterans benefitted when Pinellas Park Unit 104 had a male review and raised \$1,000 for The Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch. Game night is held monthly at Bay Pines Domiciliary by Unit 119 Largo. The special project at Holiday Unit 173 was Paws for Patriots raising \$500. Giving thanks on Thanksgiving is an annual tradition for Seminole Post 252 family serving 250 Bay Pines patients at the Post home. The POW/MIA table was explained by Unit 305 St. Pete Beach during the 56th anniversary celebration. Unit 273 Madeira Beach honored and recognized 45 female veterans with a "high tea." Unit 275 Dunedin continues to sponsor a U.S.F. nursing scholarship for students specializing in P.T.S.D. and T.B.I. to continue to treat our heroes.

Our children's programs were highlighted while wearing cowboy boots and Hawaiian leis at St. Petersburg 14 during their annual Western Luau supporting the Milk Fund at All Children's Hospital. Unit 335 Hudson members have made hundreds of bags for Beads of Courage. Treasure Island 158 donated \$1,000 to their cities kids summer camp program. Unit 7 in Clearwater had a baby shower for Kimberly House an unwed mother's home.

Contributing to our communities Unit 79 New Port Richey had a "Save the Ta Ta's" party and raised \$2,100. Unit 125 Gulfport had a putt-putt golf tournament and raised \$2,850 for their charities. Promoting membership and our programs Unit 238 participated monthly in Safety Harbor's 3rd Friday Main St. event.

All Units in the Sweet Sixteen donated or volunteered at the One Community Now Stand Down and provided p.j.'s, toiletries and grooming items for female veterans at Bay Pines Domiciliary.

Growing and Giving through Service
Dee Bell
District 16 President