

The 5th District 2015-2016 year End Summary Report

The Year "From the Service of One, comes the Support of Many" started by installing all the Units Officers.

The School of Instruction was held in September 2015, the ABC School of Instruction was in January 2016.

All the Units have been very busy holding raffles, fund raisers and serving breakfast and dinners to raise funds for Girl State and the various Auxiliary programs.

Several Units donated items, clothing and money and gave a helping hand at the Jacksonville Homeless Veterans Stand Down. The Veterans received toiletries, new underwear, socks, medical and dental checkups and haircuts.

Some Units supported and helped the Clay County Homeless Veterans Stand down.

Unit Members participated and attended the MIAP Service at Jacksonville National Cemetery. Units sent care packages to the Troops overseas and held welcome home ceremonies on their return.

Unit members attended and helped with the District Picnic and the District was honored by the visit of our Department President attending the Picnic.

The Units held Christmas Parties for the Children of Members and Children of the Community. At the District Meetings Unit members raised and donated \$168.20 to AEF and \$75.89 towards Fisher House.

Units collected, cut and mailed \$991,068.00 in coupons

Most of the Units sent 405 Care Packages to the Troops overseas.

Several Unites participated in their City's 4th of July, Veterans Day and Christmas Parades.

Members helped with Habitat for Humanity.

One Unit is unable to hold a meeting or events, because the Post Home is under repair, but the Unit was able to raise a lot of money to donate to local charities and Auxiliary programs.

Most of the Units were visited by Department Presidents Pearl at her official visit in December 2015.

At this moment the District has 7 Units that are over 100% and one Unit is over 156%

A summary of what the Units accomplished is on the next three pages

Yours in Service

Annie Anderson
5th District President

5th District Units 2016 Year Report

Unit 9

The Unit is serving breakfast and Dinners once a month. Donated men's underwear for the Jacksonville Homeless Veterans Stand Down. Hosted a Luncheon for Navy Chief Williams, whose remains were found after several years. Is supporting the Legion, SAL and ALR with their fundraisers. Supported and helped with Boots on the Ground ALR Poker Run.

Unit 37

This Unit has accomplished a lot, since the Post Home is under refurbishing and the Unit is unable to meet at the Post. The Unit had to raise all their donation funds outside of the Post. Donated a Buddy Basket and 18 gal plastic caps to the School. Gave clothes and shoes to needy family, had a Men in Bra contest for Breast Cancer and raised \$2,600.00

Unit 54

Unit donated \$750.00 adopt a Soldier. Members volunteered their time for the Bingo at the Lake City VA Hospital. \$200 welcome home bags for the 82nd Airborne Division. \$85.00 for pocket flags. Raised and donated \$100.00 to Wreath Across America, \$100.00 trees for Troops and \$500.00 towards Fisher House. Participated in the Veterans Day parade, donated \$200.00 towards the Stand down. Delivered 60 Christmas Stocking to the VA Hospital. Contributed Poppies at the Fernandina Beach Winn Dixie.

Unit 88

A food bin was placed in the Post lobby for non-perishable food items to be donated and to be delivered to the Lutheran Service Food Bank. Members donated hours playing bingo at the Deerwood Assisted Living. Members participated in two MIAP ceremonies at Jacksonville National Cemetery. Held the 2nd annual Fall Festival for the neighborhood and Legion family children. Provided side dishes to be taken to the USO for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Purchase clothing and shoes for 3 families in need. Donated \$250.00 towards Boots on the Ground and \$244.00 to Gainesville Fisher House.

Unit 129

One members donated her time and crochet blankets for babies and Children of the their adopted ship the Hue City. Donated \$1,000.00 to ALR 129 for their Legacy Run benefiting education for Children. Several members contributed more than \$1,400.00 to the Girl State Fund. Raised and donated over \$7,000.00 towards numerous programs, plus local programs. Helped raise funds for the bus to take Homeless Veterans to the Jacksonville Stand Down. Backpacks were filled school supplies and donated to the Hue City. 500 Christmas cards were mailed to the Troops overseas. Members "Walked for Veterans" at the Beaches Opening Parade.

Unit 137

Donated \$400.00 to MIAP, donated \$2,080.00 to Post 137 building fund for various repairs. Collected newspaper to be used in kennels at First Coast No More Homeless Pets and empty prescription pill bottles for Jacksonville Hume Society. Paid for food and pet supply coupons to K & C Rescue. One member knitted hats for VAMC for their Christmas bags. Raised \$236.00 in the bake sale. Donated \$300.00 to an Auxiliary member in need after accident and unable to work. Donated \$1,000.00 towards Florida Special Olympics and \$1,500.00 towards Fisher House. Clipped and donated Coupons.

Unit 174

Still in the process of getting the Unit and members organized.

Unit 194

Members participated in First Annual George Holman Charity Weekend. All proceeds were given to Kids Safe Zone and after School Program at the Post. Have weekly pancake breakfast to bring Veterans and Community together. Provided monetary donation to Fisher House and the Unit has increased their senior membership.

Unit 197

The Unit is number 1 in membership in the 5th District and in the State of Florida. Raised and donated \$400.00 for "Making Strides against Breast Cancer". Carolyn Brown was honored with a plaque from Department Commander Jim Ramos and the Commanders Medal for her donation to the Fisher House. Donated 15 shoe boxes filled with love and toiletries and a gift basket to the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless Veterans Wing. Unit members assisted the Legion with the District Membership Revitalization program with the Nation American Legion Staff members. Mary Adams and Carolyn Brown received a Certificate of Appreciation from Department Commander Jim Ramos and National Commander Dale Barnett for their participation in Legion 5th District Revitalization. The Unit raised and donated monies to the various Auxiliary programs.

Unit 202

Distributed pocket flags to a local school. Raised \$76.00 from fictitious tax form. Unit send coupons to Work and Family Life, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka Japan and the Unit received a letter of thanks, the Fleet Activity with the help of Unit 202 as exceeded their goal and additional thank you cards from various families. Distributed over 350 poppies in May at a local grocery store and local spring festival and the Memorial Day service. Submitted 2 letter to the Editor and 4 articles to the Lake Region Monitor. 300 goody bags for the VA Halloween visit. For a small Auxiliary Unit the attendance at an Auxiliary meeting is absolutely wonderful. The Unit has raised and donated to various Auxiliary programs.

Unit 233

Raised \$150.00 in poppy distribution, 850 students from a local school collected and cut \$189,889.00 in coupons. Raised and donated \$400.00 to families in need at a local Elementary School. Raised and distributed \$5,468.00 towards the programs.

Unit 244

Members helped the Legion with the upkeep of the building by cleaning, painting etc. and helped the Legion with different events and parties. Collected nonperishable food items and donated 10 baskets to needy families. Raised and donated to various programs.

Unit 250

Featured a Post 250 Family float in the July 4th parade. Raised enough money to purchase over 500 wreath for Wreath Across America. Donated \$300.00 to Heritage Baptist Church so send care packages to the Troops overseas. Served 86 meals at the local soup kitchen. Donated \$300.00 to local church for the local Veterans. Held the 8th annual Family and Children Ride over \$2,000.00 was donated. Entered a float in the Middleburg Christmas Parade the theme was "Christmas without Daddy". The float was featured on Face book and the local paper. The Unit raised and donated monies to various programs.

Unit 283

The Unit donated \$1,369.08 in support of the neighborhood foodbank. 400 pocket flags were folded of which 100 were sent in care packages to Troops overseas. The other pocket flags were handed out at the 9/11 Remembrance Service, 4th of July and POW/MIA Remembrance Service. 23 members donated 33 Units of blood. 40 backpacks of school supplies which were donated to USO Mayport for Military families in need. Hosted 3 Children's Parties which 138 children attended. Donated \$500.00 to the AEF fund. Donated \$5,633.26 to 400+ Veterans and hosted and volunteered at the HUD/VASH and the Jacksonville Homeless Veterans Stand down. Distributed and collected 790.93 in Poppy distribution. Sent 17 care packages overseas and \$800.00 in kind donations. The Unit collected and cut coupons. The Unit donated \$34,474.37 in cash to various programs.

Unit 316

Donated books to the VA Clinic, Jacksonville and clothing to the Rescue mission. Raised \$3,000.00 and donated backpacks filled with School supplies to three local Schools. Donated Toiletries and clothing to the Jacksonville Homeless Veterans Stand down. Members drove Veterans to their Doctor appointments. Supported the homecomings for two returning deployed ships. Worked with Habitat for Humanity, ran the Relay for Cancer. Wrote letters to our Representative and Senators in Congress. Filled and donated Buddy Baskets for Fall Conference. Supported the Beaches Veterans Park, Atlantic Beach, FL. Raised and donated to various Auxiliary programs.

Unit 373

Members attended the MIAP Ceremony at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Collected and donated cash and numerous items for the Stand Down in Clay County. Collected 465 Box tops and 200 labels for Education. Submitted two trees for the theme "Veterans Matter" the trees were auctioned off at the Public Library. Assisted the Legion with their school medal program. Raised and collected \$7,375.00 and donated it to various programs.

Unit 401

Donated two Buddy Baskets for Fall Conference. Volunteered their time to assist JROTC with serving food the Nassau County Fair. Raised \$600.00 for Toys for Tots by hosting a Christmas Party for Veterans and their Families. Donated \$150.00, clothing and food to a Homeless Veteran. Assisted the Legion with some of their programs. Raised and donated monies to various programs.

