



Roger Auxiliary Members,

My name is Kelli Becraft, your Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman this year. Sue Eaton and \_\_\_\_\_ is the Field Service Chairman.

The mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to serve veterans, their families and their communities.

- To support The American Legion programs for veterans, young people and community,
- To provide for today's' needs while being advocates for a brighter future
- To advance the understanding of patriotism and responsibility of citizenship
- To promote individual integrity and family values
- To ensure as volunteers, that Auxiliary members continue to be leaders in all that is good in this organization today, tomorrow and for generations to come through serving others first not self.

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families.

We joined this organization because WE Believe.



We believe that we can assist our veterans in accessing VA benefits. We can get with our Post Service Officer and help.

- Get with your Post Commander and find out who the Post Service Officer is. Introduce yourself and get involved.
- You can help with filling out papers to get VA benefits
- Drive them to fill out paperwork
- Offer your help



We believe in our service men and women and it is time for us to stand up and stop being silent. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder also known as PTSD needs to be cured. We need to learn the symptoms and help the veterans that are suffering with this silent illness. Some of these symptoms can be found in the Plan of Action.



We believe that No veteran should be homeless.

- Get with your local VA and offer help. These veterans will NOT ask for help. It is our OBLIGATION to make sure we are there for them.
- Offer help with resumes, job interviews
- Offer to pay security deposits, utility deposits
- Don't stop offering help until there are NO HOMELESS VETERANS



We believe that that everyone can help our veterans.

- As Homeless veterans make the transition please make buddy baskets as a gift for their new home.
- Ask your junior members to help with this project
- Participate in this program all year long not just around the holidays
- No basket is too small or unappreciated



We Believe every veteran deserves the right to enjoy life. No matter their disability.

- Support rehabilitation and healing in veterans by supporting the National Creative Arts Festival, Wheel Chair Games, ParaOlympics.
- They were there for us and now we need to be there for them.
- Purchase supplies and donate them to the local VA Hospital to use for their Creative Arts Festival, offer volunteer your time during these events, offer to donate prizes



You can help offer to give the information to Make the connection. The website is listed here. This website is through the VA and it offers assistance with PTSD and assists with benefits for veterans

REPORT TIME



Mid Year - November 15  
End of the Year - April 15, 2015

This year as we Light the Way for our Veterans, we will need to report it. Please ladies, I know we all work hard for our veterans and we need to report it. There are two reports do this year. I will send in a report to National and everyone needs to know how Florida SHINES for its veterans. There are report forms that need to be filled out and you can always submit a narrative on something special at anytime to me.



This year with President Erna's permission, I am gonna Sock It To You For The Veterans. This is a two month fundraiser. The Sop (Stand Operation Procedure) is with the POA (Plan of Action). This is meant to be a fundraiser for the WHOLE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY.



The socks will be donated to transitioning homeless veterans and the money will be used for PTSD Awareness. Most homeless veterans suffer from PTSD, therefore we NEED to find a cure for PTSD to help reduce the homeless veterans.



Award Time -