Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

2017-2018

This year, with Department President T.K.’s theme, we will have fun “***Catching Rays – Creating Brighter Futures”*** for our veterans throughout our ***“Sunshine State.”***  Guiding us along the way will be our VA&R mascot for the year, ***Lima Charlie***, *a beautiful Golden Retriever. As some of you may know,* ***Lima Charlie*** means “loud and clear” in military lingo. So, this year, throughout Florida we will be shouting out*,* ***Loud and Clear*** for each and every veteran.

The mission of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program is to **enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families.** Included in this Program Action Plan, you will find ideas and information on things we can do to accomplish this mission.

This year, I am asking you to please focus on not only “**catching rays for our veterans”** but also **“collecting and delivering rays”** to our hospitalized and homeless veterans. Each District will be working together as a ***TEAM*** to collect and deliver items to the VA Hospital (VAMC), VA Nursing Home or Homeless Shelter for Veterans of their choice. So, let’s all get ready for an exciting year of serving our veterans with the same dedication, loyalty and service they have given each of us!

Sometimes, when the day seems a little cloudy and we can’t always see the bright rays of the Florida sunshine, we must always try to **CREATE** our own “rays.”

**C = Commitment**

**R= Resourcefulness**

**E = Enthusiasm**

**A = Abundance**

**T = Transform**

**E = Every**

I know we are all ready to make the **commitment** to use our **resourcefulness** and always show **enthusiasm** while collecting an **abundance** of sunshine that will help **transform** the lives of **EVERY** veteran we serve.

It is my wish that we all have a fun and exciting year making great things happen for our veterans. As always, we have great committee members that are here to assist you with any questions that may arise. Please remember that there is never a “stupid question” so don’t hesitate to ask.

Our committee members for the 2017-2018 Auxiliary year are:

Sandie Eck Terry Gallagher

[Sanran38@aol.com](mailto:Sanran38@aol.com) [thcb1wd@yahoo.com](mailto:thcb1wd@yahoo.com)

239-218-9912 863-448-2726

For God and Country

**Ann**

Ann King-Smith

Department Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

[veteransaffairs@alafl.org](mailto:veteransaffairs@alafl.org)

321-312-5788/321-953-5385