

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
CHARLES E. MURRAY UNIT 186

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILIES: Our members are interested in knowing what is going on in the Post, what our different groups are doing; what programs are currently underway; how they can help and what they are missing in events. Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members have expressed their desire to be informed on Post events and activities. If you want to keep your members informed, prepare an article for publication and send it to me to be included in the bi-monthly Post News. If you are not sure how this works, look at old issues of the Post News. I can't duplicate John Motzer's work product, but we can at least get information out to our members. It's up to you.

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Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays and were able to spend time with family and friends. Here's hoping 2022 is your best year yet!

We made it through a very hectic November and December, and once again had a successful Angel Tree Christmas Giveaway. We appreciate the generosity of so many Auxiliary, Legion, Sons and Riders Post members, as well as personal friends and family. This year we were able to provide gifts and food to 13 needy families with 35 children referred by Deltona K-5 Elementary School and Auxiliary members. Also, working with the James A. Haley HUD/VASH Veterans VA Outreach program, we were able to provide gifts to 17 Hernando and Pasco County veteran families with 27 children.

While this is one of our most ambitious and demanding projects, it is also one of our most gratifying and uplifting undertakings. Knowing

you are providing a family with much needed personal and home items, food and paper products and giving a child a Merry Christmas is worth all the time and effort that goes into launching, shopping, wrapping, organizing and distributing food and gifts to those less fortunate than us. Kudos to Children & Youth Chair Patti Motzer for again spearheading this fantastic project and working tirelessly to see it was successfully accomplished, everyone that shopped and brought in gifts, and our members Lorraine Feirman, Pat Howard and Gladys Stover who were invaluable with distributing everything to our families.

Now, on to other Projects. In January our focus turns to learning ventures. We start our scholarship program, getting our Unit, as well as Department and National, scholarship forms and information out to the local high schools. That process continues through May, and culminates with the presentation of scholarships at the high school Awards Ceremonies.

Preparations for the Girls State program are also in full swing, with their application and selection process underway.

Our Valentine's Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm, with the proceeds

benefitting our Auxiliary programs. Details will be posted as the date draws near.

We are also planning some informational sessions during January and February where our programs and basic auxiliary information will be discussed. This will be a great question and answer opportunity for all members. As details are finalized, flyers will be posted on our board and e-mails will be sent to our contact list members. If you are interested in attending, and have specific areas you would like to see covered, please get in touch. My contact information is located at the beginning of my article.

Upcoming Auxiliary Events:

January 13: Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting – 2:00 pm

- January 20 John Motzer Sr., Member-at-Large
Patti Motzer’s husband,
Interment at Bushnell FNC
followed by Celebration of Life at
Post 186 at 1:00 pm
- January 26 Auxiliary Social Luncheon at Post
186 at 12:00 noon
- February 12: Valentines Dinner, 5:30 pm,
- February 14 Auxiliary Executive Committee
Meeting – 2:00 pm
General Meeting - 3:00 pm
- February 19 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up
- February 20 Four Chaplains Ceremony

Check our Auxiliary Boards at the Post for updates or changes to events.

For God and Country,
Lynda Anderson