

CHARLES E. MURRAY UNIT 186

JANUARY – FEBRUARY, 2023

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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 2023 is your best year yet!

We made it through a very hectic November and December. In November we purchased pre-made Thanksgiving dinners for eight veteran families in need. In December we, once again, had a successful Angel Tree Christmas and Food Giveaway. While this is one of our most ambitious and demanding projects, it is also one of our most gratifying uplifting undertakings. Knowing that you have brought Christmas cheer to children and their families brings forth a full range of emotions.

And now, on to other missions. 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 our five local high schools. We also provide information to our Legion family members and welcome applications from their eligible relatives. We will, once again, be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships to deserving seniors. 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 preparations and process. Upon receipt of registration paperwork from the Department of Florida Auxiliary, interviews will be scheduled with the applicants. Any member interested in assisting with the interview process should

contact Girls State Chair Eileen Wilson at ebwilson@tampabay.rr.com.

In past years, our Americanism program has hosted a Valentine's Day dinner. After discussion at our January General meeting, it was decided that we will try something different this year. On Monday, February 13, 2023, Queen of Hearts will be held as normal. The kitchen will be open from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. The Auxiliary will host a dessert table, with a variety of items available for purchase. All selections will be provided by our Auxiliary members, and will be available for eat in or take out. This event has been approved by Post Commander Don Malin. Please join us for this delightful and delicious event.

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.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 23 Deadline to submit scholarship applications to schools
- Jan. 25 Auxiliary Social Luncheon, Post 186
12:00 noon
- Feb 9 Auxiliary General Meeting – 300 pm
- Feb. 11 Female Veterans Luncheon at Post 152
Sponsored by Unit 152 Past Presidents
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Feb. 12 Super Bowl Party
Bring snacks to share
6:00 pm

Feb. 13 Auxiliary Valentine's Dessert Table
Items Available for eat in or take out
Post 186 at Queen of Hearts
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 18 District 15 ABC School, Post 148
Registration at 9:00 am; meeting starts
at 10:00 am
Car Pool from Post

Feb. 19 Four Chaplains Ceremony
Temple Beth David
13158 Antelope St
Spring Hill FL 34609
3:00 pm

Feb. 20 Presidents Day

Feb. 22 Auxiliary Social Luncheon, Post 186
12:00 noon

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

For God and Country,
Lynda Anderson