

CHARLES E. MURRAY UNIT 186 NOVEMBER – DECEMBER, 2022

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The Holidays are here! The Auxiliary wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

The Auxiliary has several events planned for November and December, including OUR New Member Initiation Ceremony, Poppy Distribution, Children & Youth Basket of Cheer drawing, Silent Auction and the Project Angel Tree Christmas Giveaway.

If you are a new Auxiliary member, or a member who has never been initiated into the Auxiliary, please join us at our November 10 general meeting. You will receive your Auxiliary membership pin and new member kit.

Our Veterans' Day Poppy Distribution is currently underway. Our Auxiliary members are handing out poppies and collecting donations at a number of locations including, Post 186, High Point Community Information Booth, A&H Liquor Store (in front of Brookridge), Lowes and Cody's Restaurant. Did you know that all proceeds from the distribution of poppies is devoted to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation work which includes aid to needy veterans and their families? The method

of distribution varies depending upon the nature of the demands for help, but poppy proceeds can only be used to assist veterans. Please help if you can.

Please join us on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022 at Post 186 for the Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:30 am, immediately followed by our Auxiliary acknowledgement of our three 2022 Girls State attendees. We will then move inside the Post for the Post picnic. The Post 186 Baseball Team will grill hamburgers and hot dogs; please bring a dish to share. The Auxiliary will hold its Silent auction of 23 Raffle Basket, filled with everything you need, and items you didn't know you needed. All proceeds benefit veterans and their families. Our silent auction drawing will start at 1:15 pm, and be immediately followed by our Children & Youth Christmas Raffle Basket drawing, with the proceeds benefitting our Children & Youth Christmas Angel Tree Project and Food Giveaway.

On November 22, 2022, we will be decorating the Post for Christmas and putting up our Angel Tree.

Our C&Y Chair, Patti Motzer is currently preparing the wish list sheets and working with Eastside Elementary School to get them distributed to students in need and preparing the angels for placing on the tree. We are also including, and preparing angels for, our Hernando County Veteran children. We encourage our Post members and guests to take an angel and provide a Merry Christmas for children in need. The Auxiliary is also conducting a food giveaway for the families of these children. Thank you in advance for all your help and support.

Upcoming Auxiliary Events:

November is National Veterans and Military Families Month

Nov. 10: Auxiliary General Meeting and Initiation Ceremony – 7:00 pm

Nov. 13 Early Bird Dinner 3:00 – 6:00

Nov. 11 Veterans Day 11:00 – 3:00
 Service at Post Pavilion 11:30
 Post Picnic 12:00 – 2:00

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Condiments Provided/Please bring a dish to share
 Members Free; Guests \$5.00

Auxiliary Silent Auction/
 Drawing 1:15 pm

C&Y Christmas Raffle Basket
 Drawing
 Band 12:00 – 3:00 pm

- Nov. 18 – 20 Fall Conference, Orlando
- Nov. 22 Auxiliary decorate the Post for Christmas; put up Christmas tree and add angels; start Angel Tree Project 11:00 am
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving – Post opens at 4:00 pm
- Nov. 30 Auxiliary Social Luncheon, Post 186 12:00 noon
- Dec. 11 Auxiliary Angel Tree Gift/Food Giveaway at Post 2:00 – 4:00pm
- Dec. 17 Wreaths Across America 9:00 – 11:00 am
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve – Post Closes at 4:00 pm
- Dec. 25 Christmas – Post Closed
- Dec. 28 Auxiliary Social Luncheon, Post 186 12:00 noon
- Dec. 31 Post 186 New Year’s Eve Gala

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

For God and Country,
 Lynda Anderson