

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Year-End Unit Report

2023 - 2024

Unit # 112 Unit Name Winter Park Memorial District # 6
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What types of services did your unit members provide to Veterans, military and their families?
See Narrative - too much to list here.

of Volunteers 6 \$ Cash donations 0 # hours 950 Like/Kind Donations 0

Did your unit participate in the Veterans in School program?

of Volunteers 0 \$ Cash donations 0 # hours 0 Like/Kind Donations 0

Did your unit members participate in Honor Flight?

of Volunteers 0 \$ Cash donations 0 # hours 0 Like/Kind Donations 0

Are there caregivers in the unit? no How many? _____

What are some of the unique things that they do for their veteran?

Report due to the District Chairman by April 1th, 2024

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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Our small Unit has been able to continue to support Veterans in our community even though we hold our monthly Unit meetings via Zoom. We have several major projects that we do each year that fall under VA & R:

- For Christmas each year, our members shop for traditional Christmas dinner non-perishable food items like cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, candied yams, marshmallows, and canned vegetables that are placed in three huge baskets to be given to Veteran families in need. The baskets





have at least \$125 in food items each, including basic staples like flour, sugar, dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and much more. This year, our three food baskets were delivered to the Lake Baldwin VA and given to Giving Tree families. Total amount spent for Christmas 2023 was just over \$400.00 including the storage baskets purchased and donated to hold the food items.

- One of our members whose husband is a member of another American Legion Post is highly active with the DAR and her husband's Post and gives service to Veterans through these activities.
- One of our members is the newsletter editor for the Legion Family newsletter that is published six times per year. She also provides photography services for the Post for their scrapbook since the Post no longer has a Historian.

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- A member whose husband was in another Post before his passing continues to provide home-cooked food items for her husband's former Post's special events like installations and various Veterans events held at the Post.
- One member provides bookkeeping services for the Post and the SAL Squadron, making daily Post Office runs, paying bills, maintaining QuickBooks, and making regular bank deposits.
- Two of our members are Veterans who are active in a post with no Auxiliary Unit. They are continually active supporting the VA & R activities conducted by their American Legion Post.
- Several of our members assist the Post members when they shop for their VA Giving Tree family each Christmas. While much of this shopping can be done at Target, sometimes the children in the Giving Tree family want items not available at Target so the shopping continues at multiple stores until all the items are purchased. 
- One member of our Unit is a practicing psychologist and she donated from \$100 to as much as \$400 per month in pro bono counseling services to Veterans.
- This year, our Unit was asked to partner with the Central Florida Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) to help them secure a grant from the American Legion National Foundation to help them fund their "Healing Through Expression" creative arts festival that was held in Kissimmee in early February. The participants from the MOAA festival will participate in the Orlando VA arts festival later in 2024 and the winners from that festival can compete in the National Creative Arts festival. We were thrilled to assist MOAA in obtaining a \$2500 grant that they used for art supplies and prizes. We presented MOAA with a check for \$2500 at their recognition luncheon. 

In total, our members provided more than 950 hours of service to Veterans and more than \$1,500 in goods to Veterans.

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