



The Sunset

“PASS IT ON”

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273 Madeira Beach, Florida 33708



Message from the President

I would like to introduce you to our Nominating Committee:

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Their task is to find members to fill the Officers positions. Some may remain as an Officer yet there will be positions available.

If you are interested in learning more about the positions available and you are interested in joining our team to fill a position, please let them know by calling them.

We are an amazing Organization of Volunteers who is honoring someone who we admire by their Service to our Country. There is a lot of work to do and we NEED YOU to help us meet our goals of Service to those who bravely served for us.

We have a tremendous group of Mentors and others who will gladly train and support you, you will not be alone. Come out and join us!

We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

We are the shining light. Let's shine together,

Continue to Thank a Veteran and Active Duty Serviceman when you see one.

Be Safe,
Cathy Larkin-Richards
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DRAPING OF THE CHARTER CEREMONY



Above unit 273 Cathy Larkin-Richards presents the Draping of the Charter ceremony in honor and memory of Unit 273 members who have passed during the year. To the left, Cathy Larkin-Richards and Linda Newkirk Draping the Charter

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 11am, new member initiation, and guest speaker will be Judy Fielding from Linus Blankets.

ROBERTS RV PARK STREET PARTY FOR AMERICAN AND CANADIAN VETERANS



Unit 273 volunteers Don and Lorrie Harris, Pat Penna and 2nd Vice President Rhonda Brailey –Maurer attend the Roberts RV Park Street Party to sell t-shirts and veterans bracelets to benefit our veterans.

GREATER TAMPA BAY BLUE STAR MOTHERS SPEAK AT UNIT 273 MARCH MEETING



Maggie Simmons explains the history of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. and what each Service Flag and the Stars that are on them represent.

For additional information on Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. or to become a member, go to: www.TampaBayBlueStarMothers.org . To purchase Service Flags: www.ServiceFlags.com



Donna Kistel talking about the handmade quilts, slippers, baby blankets and other items that are made by Espiritu Santo sewers to present to service members, veterans, and their families. Unit 273 President Cathy Larkin-Richards is holding one of the beautiful handmade quilts.



Unit 273 2nd Vice President Rhonda Brailey-Mauer, Maggie Simmons, Donna Kistel and Unit 273 President Cathy Larkin-Richards presenting a check for \$500 to the Greater Tampa Bay Blue Star Mothers.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

Supporting our troops and their families.

IRISH BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE FINISH WITH A POT OF GOLD FOR OUR VETS



Unit 273 2nd Vice President Rhonda Brailey-Maurer is shown displaying specialty Irish t-shirts line that the Auxiliary had for sale to help everyone celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



Looks like Auxiliary volunteers Janice Hill, Lorrie Harris and Mary Hawkes were busy selling baked goods since the table is almost empty.



Joyce Latuga, was the lucky and a "very excited" raffle basket winner.



Denise Dodson with her sister and also Bake Sale and Raffle chair Sharon Abbots.

What a weekend of selling baked goods, t-shirts, pins, beads and raffle tickets!! The grand total of all came to \$3,948.50 that will surely help our veterans a great deal. The Unit 273 Auxiliary wants to thank all who helped in this effort.

**AMERICAN VETERANS BRACELETS
ARE STILL FOR SALE GET YOURS
TODAY ONLY \$5.00**



EVENTS

- APRIL 7th** Nominating of Auxiliary Officers
APRIL 8th Pocket Flag Folding
APRIL 11th, Stand Down at Bay Pines.
MAY 5th Voting of Auxiliary Officers
JUNE 25th-28th 2015 Department of FL Convention

NEWS BRIEFS

National Security, Jane Larkin reported coupon totals collected for February: \$126,793.93 Hours: 6,540.

T-Shirt Sales for February totaled \$6,667 and 324 volunteer hours. Volunteers are always needed, especially for Saturdays; contact Rhonda Brailey-Maurer at rijbm@hotmail.com or 603-455-3868.

Girls State all eight delegates for Girls State have been selected. Thanks to all the teachers and counselors they have recommended an awesome group of young women to go to the 69th session of Girls State July 9-17th.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Pat Gordy announced that April will be the last month to bring in warm clothing and toiletries for our homeless veterans.

AMERICAN LEGION EDUCATION

To find out more about the American Legion and the American Legion Family and what they do please check out the information links below:

American Legion: "For God and Country."

www.legion.org

American Legion Auxiliary: Veterans Service Organization, www.alaforveterans.org

Legion Riders: www.legion.org/riders

SAL: Sons of the American Legion, www.legion.org/sons

AUXILIARY INFORMATION LINKS

www.amleg273.com

www.alaforveterans.org

www.alafi.org

www.facebook.com/Americanlegionpost273

USO: For Central Florida <http://us.uso.org/centralflorida/>



Skyway Br. From Afar - Blue Star Moms Fundraiser

**Saturday, June 27
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

Painting with a Twist Clearwater, FL
1570 N McMullen Booth Rd, Unit H2
Clearwater, FL 33759

Please visit [this event page](#) for studio directions, contact information, and more!

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