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Third Annual Old Glory Relay passes through Chiefland



Among the people helping at the staging point early Wednesday morning were (from left) Deputy Kevin Davis with the Levy County Sheriff's Office; Chiefland City Commissioner Donald Lawrence; William 'Wild Bill' Reiff with Chiefland Fire Rescue; CFR Capt. Daniel Williams and CFR Firefighter David Hallman.

Story and Photos

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CHIEFLAND – A number of people gathered at “oh six hundred” at the park next to the Chiefland Train Depot on the Florida Greenways Trail (that used to be a railroad track) on Wednesday (Nov. 9).

In civilian terms that is 6 a.m.

It was dark and drizzly.

This batch of active military, veterans, law enforcement officers and firefighters were geared up to help move Old Glory along on some of her final miles in a 62-day trip along the coast from Washington state to the final destination of Tampa.

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Among the people helping move the American flag from Chiefland to the city of Crystal River, in various ways, are (from left) LCSO Deputy Scott Anderson, Chiefland Police Capt. Ray Tremblay, AmVets Post 42 of Chiefland Commander Jim Hess, Team RWB (Red White and Blue) Captain Ismael 'Isse' Cuadrado, Team Spirit Captain Indiria Glennon, (Youngest Eaglet) Isabella Glennon, Sam Kiser and Danielle Daniels, community outreach director from Fort Stewart (Georgia).

The Third Annual Old Glory Relay started on Sept. 11 (Patriot Day) in Washington state and traveled along the coast until its final stop in Tampa on Nov. 11 (Veterans Day).

Ismael "Isse" Cuadrado was the Team RWB (Red White and Blue) Captain. The Team Spirit Captain was Indiria Glennon, who also served as co-captain for Team RWB.

Glennon is also the Fort Stewart (Georgia) Chapter President

Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.

This year, there were 62 teams charged with moving a single American flag across the nation.

Starting at sunrise on Sept. 11, the participants began a sojourn to cover 4,216 miles beginning in Seattle, Wash., and ending on Veterans Day in Tampa.

From inspiration, strength, or freedom, each person who touches this year's Old Glory has their own story of connection to the symbol of this great nation.

Throughout the 4,216-mile journey across the United States, the participants and supporters came together to honor the sacrifice of thousands of Americans who have fought for America's freedom.

This set of participants made a public display of support for veterans as they return to their respective communities. This amazing experience allows Team RWB to spread the mission of enriching veterans' lives, recruit new members into the organization, and to generate donations for core programs focused on leadership development and engaging veterans and civilians within their communities.

To see more information about this event and to see pictures taken during the trek, please visit <http://oldgloryrelay.org/media>.